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Indian Republic To Stay In Commonwealth

DOMINION PREMIERS' DECISION

King To Be Symbolic Head Of Free Nation-Members

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE FROM LONDON AND DELHI

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): India is to remain a full and equal member of the Commonwealth of Nations even after she becomes a Republic within the next few months, it was officially announced here today at the conclusion of the secret six-day conference of Dominion Prime Ministers.

The Government of India have agreed to accept the King as symbolic head of this "free association of independent members".

The eight Commonwealth leaders said in a Communique that the talks had had as their historical background "the traditional capacity of the Commonwealth to strengthen its unity of purpose while adapting its organisation and procedures to changing circumstances".

In a joint declaration, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon declared that they remained united "as free and equal members in the Commonwealth of Nations, freely co-operating in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress".

KING INFORMED

The declaration, issued from No. 10 Downing Street, London, after the Commonwealth leaders had officially advised the King of their agreement, said that India had informed the other Governments of her intention to become a "Sovereign Independent Republic" under her new constitution. It added that the other seven countries—"the basis of whose membership of the Commonwealth is not hereby changed"—accepted and recognised India's continuing membership of the Commonwealth.

The joint declaration stated that the Constitutional questions were the sole subjects discussed at the meetings of the Ministers. The agreement means that though the King will have a symbolic status recognised by India, he will have no

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LIFTING BERLIN BLOCKADE

Talks To Be Continued In New York

NEW YORK, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): United States and Russian representatives today, to continue their talks on lifting the Berlin blockade, a United States spokesman announced. The meeting was to be held at the Soviet United Nations Delegation headquarters on Park Avenue.

A spokesman for the American Delegation said it would be a continuation of the exchange of views on the Berlin problem between Dr. Philip C. Jessup, American Ambassador at large and M. Jakob Malik, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister. If any information is to be given out after the meeting, it will be issued at a press conference at Lake Success later today. The United States hoped to learn whether Russia is ready to lift the Berlin "blockade" without attaching unacceptable conditions.

U. S. NOT TO "DRAG ITS FEET"

The United States representatives were to re-state the standpoint of the three Western Powers on the Soviet proposal for a simultaneous lifting of eastern and western "traffic restrictions" in Germany, once a Foreign Ministers' meeting is fixed. Officials in Washington said the American spokesmen would give a guarded but affirmative answer to the proposal. They emphasised that the United States had no intention of "dragging its feet" in this late effort to end the Berlin dispute. These officials were optimistic that the blockade would probably end, and the Foreign Ministers meet, within two months and possibly within one month.

MOSCOW ORDERS LIFTING OF BLOCKADE?

BERLIN, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): German sources here said today that high Soviet officials were confident both Eastern and Western traffic restrictions in Germany would be lifted "in the very near future."

Politicians claiming to be in close touch with Soviet Military administration said Soviet headquarters at Karlshoorst had received orders from Moscow that all technical preparations for lifting the blockade should be made immediately.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK STAGES COME-BACK

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NEHRU INVITES MALAN TO LUNCH

LONDON, April 27. (PTI-Reuter)—The first private meeting between the Indian and South African Prime Ministers took place today when Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru invited Dr. Daniel Malan to lunch.

This is the first personal contact between topranking Ministers of the two countries since India broke trade relations with South Africa and recalled her High Commissioner there three years ago.

Informed quarters are cautious in attaching political significance to the meeting, although it is known that members of the Indian delegation are very appreciative of the helpful and sympathetic role played by South Africa during the Commonwealth talks.

Bhopal Nawab To Be Treated In Bombay

BHOPAL, April 27 (API): The Nawab of Bhopal, who has been ill with an attack of choleocystitis (inflammation of the gall bladder), will be taken to Bombay by air on Friday for treatment in a well-known clinic, it was learnt today.

His Highness, who was running high temperature yesterday, was reported to be better today.

In view of the Bhopal ruler's indisposition the forthcoming visit of Mr. V. P. Menon to the State to finalise arrangements regarding its future may be postponed.

Indian States Finances Enquiry

ERNAKULAM, April 27 (API): Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Chairman, and other members of the Indian States Finances Enquiry Committee, appointed by the States Ministry of the Government of India arrived here by plane from Madras today.

The Committee was meeting the representatives of Cochin and Travancore State Governments this afternoon.

Martial Law In Pegu District

500 KARENS KILLED IN 5-DAY BATTLE

RANGOON, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): Martial law was proclaimed to-day in the Pegu District, 40 miles north of Rangoon, it was officially announced here. Pegu is one of the main centres of recent clashes between Government troops and insurgents.

The announcement said that President Sao Shwe Thaike introduced this measure to prevent unnecessary killing of people and the looting of property. Martial law is at present in force in 12 other districts in Burma.

500 KARENS KILLED

Government forces have killed 500 Karen rebels in a fierce five-day battle at Daiku, rail town 78 miles north of Rangoon, a communique issued here said tonight.

The Government troops repulsed a Karen attack on a nearby village, it added.

Daiku is in Pegu District where martial law was enforced to-day. The communique also reported that White Band (anti-Government) volunteers ejected from Mandalay were now massing in adjacent town. It said striking Government employees under dismissal orders were at present administering the towns of Pakokku and Myingyan, South-west of Mandalay.

In southern Burma, the Karens have taken over the administration of Thaton, important rail town, after detaining the Burmese District Commissioner, the communique added.

Deserters from the Chinese Nationalist forces are infiltrating in large numbers into Kengtung State on the eastern border of Burma, pro-Government sources here said to-day. They linked the presence in Rangoon of a special emissary of the Kengtung ruler with deteriorating conditions on the China-Burma border, suggesting he had come to seek aid from the Burma Government in sealing off the eastern frontier.

2,500 REFUGEES FOR MADRAS

A further batch of about 2,500 Indian refugees from the battle areas of Burma being repatriated under an Indian Government scheme, to-day left for Madras aboard the 3,900-tons Scindia steamship "Jaladurga". They were seen off by Indian Embassy officials and volunteers of the All-Burma Indian Congress. Their departure brings the total of Indians evacuated since the Karen revolt began last January, to over 10,000 many of whom were born and brought up in Burma. Some are accompanied by their Burmese wives.

Commonwealth Premiers To Discuss Burma

LONDON, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): A number of the Commonwealth statesmen were understood to be meeting Mr. Attlee at Downing Street later today to discuss the Burma situation. It was expected that the India and Pakistan Prime Ministers would be present.

Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu had talks recently with Pandit Nehru in India and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in Pakistan. Afterwards he said that both Prime Ministers had agreed to place Burma's case informally before the Commonwealth Conference.

UNIFORM TAXATION POLICY FOR PROVINCES

Matthai To Meet Bombay's Finance Minister Tomorrow

BOMBAY, April 27 (UPI): The question of evolving a uniform taxation policy in all the Provinces of India will be discussed by India's Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, when he meets Mr. V. L. Mehta, Bombay's Finance Minister day after tomorrow, the United Press of India reliably understands.

Allocation of Income-Tax is expected to figure prominently during the discussions, and Mr. Mehta would, it is stated, once again press for larger allocation of the Income-Tax revenue collected by the Centre from the Province.

The manner in which the Provincial Government should borrow money for financing its various projects, if necessary, is also likely to be discussed at the meeting, it is further learnt.

The question whether the Sales Tax should become a Central measure of taxation is also the U.P.I. gathers, expected to come up for discussion during the talks, in view of the observations made by India's Finance Minister in his speech at the Indian Merchants' Chamber reception last evening, even though the matter was discussed at the recent Conference of Provincial Finance Ministers, when the consensus of opinion favoured the continuation of the tax to be a Provincial subject.

The proposal of conducting an inquiry into the national income of the people of the country with a view to revising India's taxation structure is likely to be another subject of discussion.

MATTHAI MEETS MANUFACTURERS

India's Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai had discussions with members of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation on Wednesday afternoon. Sir M. Visveswaraya, President of the Organisation is seen reading a memorandum.

Industrialists Urged To "Take Risks"

FINANCE MINISTER'S REPLY TO VISVESVARAYA MEMORANDUM

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY.

DR. JOHN MATTHAI, MINISTER OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, TODAY CALLED UPON INDUSTRIALISTS AND MANUFACTURERS NOT TO ENTERTAIN ANY MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRIES, BUT TO "TAKE RISKS" AND LAUNCH ON AN ACTIVE PROGRAMME OF INDUSTRIALISATION.

The Finance Minister was replying to a memorandum submitted by Sir M. Visveswaraya, President of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation here this afternoon.

Dr. John Matthai said that any enterprise by industrialists involved a certain amount of risk. If they suffered from any feeling of inferiority because of what they felt to be "uncertain conditions prevailing in the country", he wanted to assure them that things were not so bad as they believed.

The Finance Minister explained the recent announcement of the Government inviting foreign industrialists to establish industries in the country. He said that such an invitation should not be construed in any way as a discouragement to Indian enterprise. On the other hand, Indian capital should come forward and take active interest in promoting vital industries.

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SEVEN KILLED IN CALCUTTA

Sequel To Communist-Police Clash

CALCUTTA, April 27. (API)—Seven persons were killed and nine injured in Calcutta this evening in incidents, including police firing arising from an attempt to take out a procession in defiance of orders under Section 144, Cr. P.C. in force in the city.

The clash between the police and the procession was in the Bow Bazar area and its vicinity in Central Calcutta. The seven deaths were either from gunshot injuries or from bomb splinters.

The casualties among the police included five injured. Three tram cars and two State buses were set on fire by the mobs and a number of others were damaged by brickbats. A police vehicle, a wireless van and a Government van were also damaged and the driver and cleaner of the last—named vehicle were severely injured by miscreants.

Twenty-seven arrests were made and some houses were searched by the police.

The incidents occurred following a meeting organised by the Nari Atma Raksha Samity, an organisation with Communist asociations, called to consider the hunger-strike by Communist prisoners in West Bengal Jails.

New U. S. Army Secretary

WASHINGTON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Curtis E. Calder has agreed to become the United States Army Secretary to succeed Mr. Kenneth Royal, who resigned last week, it was learned here today.

Mr. Calder, Chairman of the Board of the Electric Bond and Share Company, was understood to be ready to take over the post within 60 days.

NOTORIOUS BANDIT GIVES ULTIMATUM

GWALIOR, April 27, (UPI): Mohan Singh, notorious bandit of the Madhya Bharat, has, it is understood, given an ultimatum to the Government that he would loot the entire Sarafa Bazar, local silver and bullion market between April 25 and 30. ..

Armed police pickets have been posted in the threatened area to allay the panic of the public. .... ..

The sense of insecurity is, however, so great that a number of businessmen have removed their gold and silver reserves to place of safety.

More U.S. Tram Cars For Bombay

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Seven more American-made tram cars, the second consignment out of a planned total of 25, will reach Bombay on Thursday when the S.S. STAVELOT docks in the harbour. A fortnight back the first group of eight vehicles arrived in Bombay.

The remaining ten are expected to be delivered here in the next few weeks.

DELHI TO REVISE IMPORT POLICY?

Sequel To Big Inroads Into Sterling Balances

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 27.

Early revision of Government of India's import policy is envisaged here. As part of the anti-inflation drive the Government of India had considerably liberalised imports through the Open General License last July. This led to bumper imports with the result that the Government of India have already eaten into the next moiety of Sterling Balances.

Although the quantum of imports has definitely declined since its peak in February this year, it is still above the future which India could afford to spend on merchandise. This fact has been urgently stressed by His Majesty's Government who have requested India to send one of her senior officials to London forthwith to discuss who and in what respect the Open General Licence could be modified.

Apart from the drain on her sterling resources, India has been importing goods which earn dollars for Britain.

The Government of India on the other hand holds that sufficent quantity of consumer goods have been already imported to effectively combat inflation. Hence its readiness to modify its import policy. An early decision is expected.

C.R. Srinivasan Becomes AINEC President

NEW DELHI, April 27 (A.P.I.): Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, Editor of the "Swadesamitran", Madras, has been elected unopposed President of the eighth session of the All India Newspaper Editors Conference meeting in Bangalore on May 16, announces the Secretary of the Conference.

Mr. A. D. Mani and Mr. H. R Mohary, have withdrawn their candidature.

THIRD MILL TO CLOSE IN AHMEDABAD

Sequel To Cotton Shortage

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 27.

The National Mills of Ahmedabad has been closed for the last eight days on account of cotton shortage. About fifteen hundred workers have been thrown out of employment. This is the third mill to suffer due to cotton shortage. Workers are restive. The Secretary of the Textile Labourers' Association has wired to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee drawing his attention to this critical situation and urged him to take urgent steps.

PLEA FOR MORE SUBVENTION

Request From Orissa And Bombay Follows States Merger

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 27.

The Orissa Government has requested the Government of India to enhance its subvention by more than double of its existing subvention, I learn. A similar request is anticipated from Bombay. This follows the merging of a large number of States with these provinces. Provincial Governments, it is explained, find it beyond their resources to upgrade the administration of the States to their own level from their own resources. Pending a final decision, the Government had, nearly six weeks ago, directed all States Unions and Provincial Governments not to make any major commitments and wait for the Krishnamachari report on the integration of States' finances with the Indian provinces. The Governors' conference meeting here on May 8 and 9, I further learn, will discuss the problem of administration of border States such as Manipur in Assam.

Mr. Chatterji who had been deputed by the Government of India to study situation in Manipur on the spot with special reference to Communist infiltration has returned to New Delhi and hopes to submit his report shortly. Meanwhile, the Government of India have appointed Dewan Amarnath as Chief Minister of Manipur State.

Gaudart Quits French India Assembly

PONDICHERRY, April 27 (UPI)—Mr. P. Gaudart a member of the French India Representative Assembly has resigned his membership of the Assembly.

The French India Representative Assembly has voted dearness allowance as follows to all permanent servants of the Government; those drawing upto Rs. 50 as salary will get D.A. of Rs. 15; those drawing above Rs. 50 and upto Rs. 100 will get Rs. 10, and those drawing above Rs. 100 will get Rs. 5.

GOVT. INQUIRY INTO INCOME OF BOMBAY PEOPLE

Statistical Bureau And Gokhale School Of Economics To Collaborate

BOMBAY, April 27. (UPI)—An inquiry into the income and employment of the people of Bombay has been started under the auspices of the Government of Bombay, the United Press of India understands.

The inquiry is being conducted under the direction of Mr. G. M. Sankpal, Director of the Bureau of Statistics Government of Bombay, in collaboration with Dr. D. R. Gadgil, Director of the Gokhale School of Economics and Politics, Poona, an institution which had conducted an inquiry into the conditions of the "famine tract" of the province a few years ago.

The UPI gathers that the province of Bombay, has been divided into four groups, Gujerat, Deccan, Karnatak and Konkan for the purpose of the inquiry, and will be further sub-divided into districts. Trained fieldsmen and investigators are being employed by the Bureau, and it is understood that efforts are also being made to enlist co-operation of non-official agencies also in the task.

The work of this inquiry has been started in the Ratnagiri District in the Konkan and the Belgaum District in ments of conducting it in the remainments for conducting it in the remaining districts of the province as early as possible are in progress.

"This will be a pilot inquiry, as no inquiry into the income and employment of the people of our country had so far been undertaken, and whether the inquiry would become an annual feature will depend upon the measure of co-operation we receive from the people in the task, and the results it yields" obsedved a spokesman of the Bureau.

The task of compiling statistical information in this respect in the urban areas is according to the spokesman easier, as it is easily available, and is already being collected, but the work of securing accurate information regarding income and employment in the rural areas is difficult and would require much time and labour, the same source pointed out.

"Chitra" Players To Entertain Troops

NEW DELHI, April 27. (UPI)—To entertain the Indian troops stationed in Kashmir, the members of "Chitra" players are leaving for Srinagar on an invitation from the military authorities.

The "Chitra" players recently staged a Kesarcodi's famous ballet "Birth Of Our Nation" in Delhi, left for Simla by train last night. After staging the same drama at Simla, they will proceed to Srinagar.

At Delhi railway station the "Chitra" players were seen off by the members of the local "Little Theatre Group".

Plan To Make Cochin Self Sufficient In Food

ERNAKULAM, April 27 (API): A scheme estimated to cost Rs. four and a half crores to make Cochin self-sufficient in food within five years has been prepared by the Cochin Government.

The scheme was considered by the Government's Agricultural Development Committee at a meeting here yesterday, Prime Minister Ikkanda Warrier presiding.

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The terms and conditions of the auction will be read out at the time of auction. Intending bidders desirous of seeing the vehicles personally can do so in consultation with the Administrators of Bansda and Dharampur during office hours on any working day before the dates for the auctions.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

Income-Tax

RETURN OF TOTAL INCOME AND OF TOTAL WORLD INCOME OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR FOR ASSESSMENT IN THE YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1st APRIL, 1949.

IN PURSUANCE of sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Indian Income Tax Act 1922 (XI of 1922) each of the Income Tax Officers mentioned in the annexed table hereby gives notice to every person subject to his jurisdiction as specified therein, whose total income during the previous year exceeded the maximum amount not chargeable to Income Tax, to furnish to him within 65 days from the date of publication of this notice a return in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner setting forth (along with such other particulars as are required by the said form) the total income and the total world income of such person during that year.

A copy of the prescribed form will be supplied free of charge to any person who for the purpose of complying with this notice applies to the Income Tax Officer concerned.

PENALTY. Any person who fails without reasonable cause to furnish the return required by this notice or fails without reasonable cause to furnish it within the time allowed or in the manner required, is liable under section 28 of the said Act to a penalty not exceeding 1½ times any tax payable by him.

PLACE OF ASSESSMENT. Under the provisions of Section 64 of the said Act where an assessee carries on a business, profession or vocation at any place he shall be assessed by the Income Tax Officer of the area in which that place is situate, or where the business, profession or vocation is carried on in more places than one by the Income Tax Officer of the area in which the principal place of business, profession or vocation is situate, and in all other cases an assessee shall be assessed by the Income Tax Officer of the area in which he resides.

Provided that where an Income Tax Officer has been specially empowered to assess certain classes of income and certain persons or classes of persons, the assessment of such persons and such income will be made by the Income Tax Officer so empowered.

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Dated, 27th April, 1949.

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(iv) Any other non-resident person.....Rs. Nil.

(v) Any other individual, Hindu Undivided Family, firm or association of persons.....Rs. 3,000.

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Mr. S. H. Bhat, M.A., (Cantab), Income Tax Officer, Circle XIV Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

All assessees who have been assigned to these circles by the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay City & Bombay Suburban Districts. Such assessees consist mainly of persons other than companies who are liable to Excess Profits Tax. A list of such assessees will be found on the Notice Board of the Income Tax Offices, Central Government Building, Queen's Road, Bombay 1.

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Mr. N. J. Lawyer, B.A., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 1), Bombay.
Mr. N. Y. Tamhane, B. Com., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 2), Bombay.
Mr. D. M. Desai. Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 3), Bombay.
Mr. B. C. Dastur. Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 4), Bombay.
Mr. B. V. Mundkur, M.A., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 5), Bombay.
Mr. H. B. Jadhav, B.A. Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 6), Bombay.
Mr. S. M. Mirchandani, Additional Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. III, (Sec. 6), Bombay.
Mr. H. L. Bhatia, M.A., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. IV, (Sec. 1), Bombay.
Mr. N. V. Karandikar, B.A., LL.B., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. IV, (Sec. 2), Bombay.
Mr. V. R. Pandit, B.A., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. IV, (Sec. 3), Bombay.
Mr. M. A. Menon, B.A., LL.B., Income Tax Officer, Com. Cir. IV, (Sec. 4), Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

All assessees who have been assigned to these circles by the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay City & Bombay Suburban Districts. Such assessees consist mainly of companies having their registered office or principal place of business in the City of Bombay. A list of such assessees will be found on the Notice Boards of the Income Tax Offices, Central Government Building, Queen's Road, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION

Mr. R. V. Raut, M.A., 1st Income Tax Officer, B-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. V. S. Pradhan 2nd Income Tax Officer, B.I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. M. S. Jhirad, 3rd Income Tax Officer, B-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. V. Ramaswami Iyer, B.A., 4th Income Tax Officer, B-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. J. C. Kalara, M.A., 5th Income Tax Officer, B-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. W. A. Khan, M.A., 6th Income Tax Officer, B-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. J. M. Kapadia, M.A., LL.B., 7th Income Tax Officer, B-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. S. Chadda, M.A., 1st Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. V. Muzumdar, B.A., LL.B., 2nd Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. M. M. Colaco, B.A., 3rd Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. G. K. Sehwani, B.Sc., 4th Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. Y. G. Joshi, B. A. 5th Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. P. Sadagopan, B.A., 6th Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. S. V. Raut, M.A., LL.B., 7th Income Tax Officer, B-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. D. R. Mahadeshwar, M.A., 1st Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. K. R. Gunari, B.A., 2nd Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. V. S. Mahajan, 3rd Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. P. S. Rao, B. Com., 4th Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. S. Iyengar, B.A., 5th Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. N. B. Sathalekar, B.A., 6th Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. G. Nerurkar, B.A., 7th Income Tax Officer, B-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. P. R. Thadani, B.Sc., (Lond.) 1st Income Tax Officer, D-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. P. L. Machwe, B. Com., 2nd Income Tax Officer, D-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. S. P. Sainani, B.Sc., 1st Income Tax Officer, D-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. M. B. Pardiwala, B.A., 2nd Income Tax Officer, D-II Ward Bombay.
Mr. T. V. Davre, B.A., 3rd Income Tax Officer, D-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. D. N. Pande, M.A., LL.B., 4th Income Tax Officer, D-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. G. E. Joseph, M.A., 1st Income Tax Officer, E-Ward Bombay.
Mr. A. V. Kulkarni, B.A., 2nd Income Tax Officer, E-Ward Bombay.
Mr. M. P. Kapadia, B.A., LL.B., 3rd Income Tax Officer, E-Ward Bombay.
Mr. D. D. Desai, B.A. 4th Income Tax Officer, E-Ward Bombay.
Mr. S. B. Kamat, B.A., 1st Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.
Mr. C. C. Mohile, 2nd Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.
Mr. C. H. Rawal, B.A., LL.B., 3rd Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.
Mr. G. T. Bijlani, B.A., B.Sc., LL.B., 4th Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.
Mr. G. D. Tandon, M.Sc., 5th Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.
Mr. S. V. Joshi, B.Sc., 6th Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.
Mr. S. V. Joshi, B.Sc., 7th Income Tax Officer, M-Ward Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

A list of the areas of the Bombay City which are included in these Wards will be found on the Notice Boards of the Income Tax Office, Central Government Building, Queen's Road, Bombay.

BOMBAY REFUND CIRCLE.
Names & Designations.

Mr. M. B. Malek, 1st I.T.O., Bombay Refund Circle.
Mr. V. G. Kamble, 2nd I.T.O., Bombay Refund Circle.
Mr. V. M. Bhave, 3rd I.T.O., Bombay Refund Circle.

JURISDICTION.

All persons in Bombay City who claim exemption from taxation under sec. 4 (3) (i), 4 (3) (ia), and 4 (3) (ii) or a Notification under section 60 of the Indian Income Tax Act.

All persons in Bombay City whose total income does not exceed Rs. 5,000 and who claim refund under section 48 of the Indian Income Tax Act except:—

(i) Companies as defined in section 2(6) of the said Act and local authorities.
(ii) Persons whose total income includes any income assessable under section 10 of the said Act.
(iii) Persons any part of whose income has been assessed in the hands of some other persons under the provisions of section 16(1) (c) or 16(3) of the said Act.

PART II. Officers serving under the Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District and having their offices in the R.A.F., Base Postal Depot building and R.A.F. Base Accounts Office building behind Maskati Court, Marine Lines, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION

Mr. B. A. Sharif, M.A., 1st Income-tax Officer, A-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. N. R. Metha, 2nd Income-tax Officer, A-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. G. H. Patel, B.A. 3rd Income-tax Officer, A-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. B. V. Kaprekar, 4th Income-tax Officer, A-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. V. Ramswami, B.A. (Hons) 1st Income-tax Officer, A-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. S. J. Karnik B.Sc., 2nd Income-tax Officer, A-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. V. L. Dewoolkar M.A., 3rd Income-tax Officer, A-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. G. Rawal, 1st Income-tax Officer, A-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. G. N. Samant 2nd Income-tax Officer, A-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. C. R. Krishnamurthy, M-A., 1st Income-tax Officer, A-IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. D. G. Pradhan B.Com., 2nd Income-tax Officer, Bombay A-IV Ward.
Mr. R. B. Antia, 1st Income-tax Officer, A-IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. Y. B. Khan, B.A., LL.B., 1st Income-tax Officer, C-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. B. Antia, 2nd Income-tax Officer, C-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. N. D. Killawalla, B.Com., 3rd Income-tax Officer, C-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. C. V. Purohit, B.A., LL.B. 4th Income-tax Officer, C-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. E. K. Karanjwalla, B.A., 5th Income-tax Officer, C-I Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. N. Limaye, B.A., LL.B., 1st Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. M. R. Shetty, B.Com., 2nd Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. S. Bhagwat, M.A., LL.B., 3rd Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. A. S. Joseph, LL.B., IVth Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. S. V. Nerurkar, M.A. 5th Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. R. S. Mani, 6th Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. D. R. Phatak, B.Sc., 7th Income-tax Officer, C-II Ward, Bombay.
Mr. C. S. Sanghvi, B. Com., 1st Income-tax Officer, IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. C. S. Sanghvi, B.Com., 2nd Income-tax Officer, C-IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. G. R. Desai, B.A., 3rd Income-tax Officer, C-IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. N. H. Balsara B.A., LL.B., 4th Income-tax Officer, C-IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. O. V. Karuvilla, B.A., 5th Income-tax Officer, C-IV Ward, Bombay.
Mr. V. R. Karkhanis, B.Sc., LL.B., 6th Income-tax Officer, C-IV Ward, Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

A list of the areas of Bombay City, which are included in these wards will be found on the Notice Boards of the Income-tax Offices situated in the R.A.F. Base Postal Depot Building and R.A.F. Base Accounts Office Building, behind Maskati Court, Marine Lines, Bombay.

PART III. Officers serving under the Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District and having their offices in the huts/ments in plots 15 and 19 Marine Lines, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

Mr. G. V. Deshmukh, B.A., 1st Income-tax Officer, A-V Ward, Bombay.
Mr. A. A. Kazi, B.A., LL.B. 2nd Income-tax Officer, A-V Ward, Bombay
Mr. B. B. Kulkarni, 3rd Income-tax Officer, A-V Ward, Bombay.
Mr. C. H. Mehta, B.A., 1st Income-tax Officer, C-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. A Y. Syed, M.A., 2nd Income-tax Officer, C-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. D. R Karkhanis, B.A. LL.B., 3rd Income-tax Officer, C-III Ward, Bombay
Mr. V. D. Deshpande, B.Sc., 4th Income-tax Officer, C-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. L. Wycliff, B.A. LL.B., 5th Income-tax Officer, C-III Ward, Bombay.
Mr. B. B. Redkar, M.A., 6th Income-tax Officer, C-III Ward, Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

A list of the areas of Bombay City which are included in these wards will be found on the Notice Board of the Income-tax Offices, situated in the hutments in plots 15 and 19 Marine Lines, Bombay.

PART IV.—Officers serving under the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay City and Bombay Suburban Districts and having their offices in the hutments adjoining Brabourne Stadium on Churchgate Street, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

Mr. Avtar Singh M.A., 1st Income Tax Officer, G-Ward Bombay.
Mr. A. S. Kshirsagar, B.A., 2nd Income Tax Officer, G-Ward Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

A list of the areas of Bombay City, which are included in this Ward will be found on the Notice Board of the Income Tax Office, G-Ward, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

Mr. J. M. Gandhi, 1st Income Tax Officer, N.R.R.C., Bombay.
Mr. J. R. Sirdesai, 2nd Income Tax Officer, Non-Resident Refund Circle Bombay.
Mr. V. A. Phadke, B.Sc., 3rd Income Tax Officer, Non-Resident Refund Circle, Bombay.

JURISDICTION OF THE 1ST I.T.O.

1. Persons, not resident in the Provinces of India other than those who are within the jurisdiction of the General Headquarters Income Tax offices, (Poona), whose total income is made up of income wholly taxed at source or dividends or both.

2. Pensioners who draw their pensions in the United Kingdom and reside in India States.

3. Religious and charitable institutions outside the provinces of India not liable to Income tax under Section 4 (3) (i) and (ii) of the Indian Income Tax Act 1922 applying for refund of tax deducted at source on interest on securities and such institutions applying for exemption certificates where the income in which tax has been or would have deducted at source exceeds Rs. 15,000.

4. Persons not resident in the Provinces of India claiming double income tax relief whose total income in the previous three years exceeded Rs. 15,000.

5. Persons assessed under Section 44C of the Act.

JURISDICTION OF THE 2ND I.T.O.

1. Persons residing in an Indian State (other than those who are with in the Jurisdiction of the Income Tax Officer, of the district in which the statutory agent carries on the business by reason of which income tax is chargeable in his name under Section 42 or where he resides, as the case may be) whose total income is made up of income wholly taxed at source or dividends or both.

2. Pensioners who draw their pensions through post Offices in Indian States and reside in those states.

JURISDICTION OF THE 3RD I.T.O.

Persons not resident in the provinces of India claiming double income tax relief whose total income in the previous three years did not exceed Rs. 15,000 Religious and charitable institutions outside the provinces of India not liable to income tax under Section 4 (3) (i) and (ii) of the Indian Income Tax Act, 1922 applying for exemption certificates where the income in which tax has been or would have been deducted at source does not exceed Rs. 15,000.

PART V.—Officers serving under the Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District and having their offices in Kitab Mahal, Hornby Road, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

Mr. B. R. Deshmukh, 1st Income-tax Officer, Salaries Sec. 1, Bombay.
Mr. C. D. Desai 2nd Income-tax Officer, Salaries Sec. I, Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

1. Employees of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway and the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, except those under the audit of the Deputy Accountant General, Industries and Supply, Calcutta.

2. Government servants employed under the Director General of Observatories, Poona, the Directors Madras and Kodaikanal Observatories, the Meteorologist, Upper Air Observations who are under the audit of the Accountant General, Bombay.

3. All persons not specifically assigned to other officers being employees serving in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District of employers other than Companies as defined in section 2 (6) of the Indian Income-tax Act 1922, who received in the previous year income from salaries of not less than 3,000|-.

4. Pensioners residing in the City of Bombay who drew pensions in the previous year not less than Rs. 3,000|-.

5. Naval employees under the audit control of Naval accounts Bombay.

6. Members of the Entertainments National Services Association serving in Indian Dominion.

7. Air Force employees whose accounts are maintained by Base Accounts Office, Air Forces, Bombay and the employee of the Base Auditor, Royal Air Force, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

Mr. V. S. Jatar, B. Com. 1st Income-tax Officer Salaries Section II, Bombay.
Mr. P. S. Barve, 2nd Income-tax Officer, Salaries Section II, Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

All persons not specifically allotted to other officers, being employees serving in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District of companies as defined in section 2 (6) of the Indian Income-tax Act and employees of the Rajputana Minerals Co. Ltd., who received in the previous year income from "Salaries" of not less than Rs. 3,000|-.

PART VI.—Officer serving under the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District and having his office in the R.A.F. Base Post Depot, behind Maskati Court, Marine Lines, Bombay.

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

Mr. M. P. Muzumdar, 1st Income Tax Officer, Bombay Suburban District, Bombay.

JURISDICTION

A list of the areas of the Bombay Suburban District, which are included in this Ward will be found on the Notice Board of the Income Tax Office, B. S. D., Bombay.

NOTE—THE JURISDICTION OF THE INCOME TAX OFFICERS MENTIONED IN PARTS 1ST TO VI DO NOT INCLUDE ASSESSEES OR CLASSES OF ASSESEES WHO HAVE SPECIFICALLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO ANY OTHER INCOME TAX OFFICER BY AN ORDER PASSED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE INCOME TAX ACT.

NOTE:—THE JURISDICTION OF THE ABOVE INCOME TAX OFFICERS DO NOT ALSO INCLUDE CASES ALLOCATED TO ANY INCOME TAX OFFICER BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX (CENTRAL), BOMBAY OR CASES AS MAY BE ALLOCATED TO ANY INCOME TAX OFFICER UNDER SECTION 5 (5) AND|OR 5 (7A) OF THE ACT.

PART VII.—Officers serving under the Commissioner of Income Tax (Central), Bombay and having their offices in Central Government Buildings, Queen's Road, Bombay.

I

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

1. Mr. H. M. Jhala, B.A., (Hons) (Bom). B. Com (Hon) (Lond.) Income Tax Officer, Section I (Central), Bombay.
2. Mr. D. Subramanian, M.A., Income Tax Officer, Section II (Central), Bombay.
3. Mr. B. D. Jog, B.A., G.D.A., R.A., Additional Income Tax Officer, Sections III & XI (Central), Bombay.
4. Mr. G. B. Pujari, B. Com. Income Tax Officer, Section IV (Central), Bombay.
5. Mr. C. M. Soni, B.A., Additional Income Tax Officer, Sections V & XII (Central), Bombay.
6. Mr. R. P. Kapadia, M.A., LL.B., Additional Income Tax Officer, Section VI (Central), Bombay.
7. Mr. J. F. Tata, Income Tax Officer, Section VII (Central) Bombay.
8. Mr. S. H. Gokhale, M.A., Additional Income Tax Officer, Section VIII (Central), Bombay.
9. Mr. M. T. Pendse, Income Tax Officer, Section IX (Central), Bombay.
10. Mr. R. M. Nagwekar, B.A., Income Tax Officer, Section X (Central), Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

Cases allocated to them by the Commissioner of Income Tax (Central), Bombay.

II

NAME AND DESIGNATION.

1. Mr. S. B. Athalye, M.A., LL.B., Income Tax Officer, Section III (Central), Bombay.
2. Mr. R. D. Shah, M.A., Income Tax Officer, Section V (Central), Bombay.
3. Mr. A. R. H. Naik, B.A., Income Tax Officer, Section VI (Central), Bombay.
4. Mr. C. P. Shah, B.A., Income Tax Officer, Section VIII (Central), Bombay.

JURISDICTION.

Such cases as may be allocated to them under Section 5 (5) and|or 5(7A) of the Indian Income Tax Act.

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDER

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STOCKS

TENDERS are invited by the Dy. General Manager (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., from intending purchasers on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 30-4-1949 for the purchase of following consumable commodities rendered surplus to the Railway's requirements.

	Commodity	Approximate Quantity:
1.	White Peas	625 B. Mds.
2.	Pure ghee	125 B. Mds.
3.	Orid dal	1003 B. Mds. 20 Seers
4.	Jaggery	408 B. Mds.

The stocks are lying at the Railway's Godown 'D' shed Rayan Grain Market Masjid and can be inspected at site by intending purchasers on any working day between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A sum of Rs. 250.- in cash must be deposited as earnest money with the Chief Cashier, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., or with any G.I.P. Railway Station Master and the money receipt obtained must be enclosed in original with the tender.

Tender documents governing conditions of sale can be obtained free of charge from the Office of the Asstt. Controller Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. (4171)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 9-5-1949 for the supply of 1,500 lbs. Full Cream Milk Powder to the Railway Canteens. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway, at Bombay. 4189

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY. NOTIFICATION.

THE 5 PER CENT RS. 31.43 LAKHS LOAN OF 1929

Repayment of Debentures.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay will, in pursuance of the power reserved in the Debentures issued in respect of the Rs. 31.43 Lakhs Loan of 1929, redeem all Debentures issued in respect of that Loan on the 1st day of August, 1949, on which date all principal sums and interest payable in respect of the said Debentures will be paid to the holders thereof on presentation and surrender of the said Debentures at the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay. The said Debentures will cease to carry interests from the 1st day of August, 1949.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 20th April, 1949. (4182)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
NOTICE

A Branch of the above Bank will be opened at
BARODA
on the 29th. of April, 1949.
(4187)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

1. SEALED TENDERS are invited for the appointment of Clearing and Forwarding Agents at main Indian Ports for receiving and clearing and forwarding fertilizers to be imported by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi, during the period 1st July 1949 to 30th June 1950.

2. A flat rate for the following items should be clearly stated. By flat rate is meant one charge for the 4 items given below:—

(1) Clearing charges;
(2) Storage, stacking and loading F.O.R. charges;
(3) Re-conditioning and re-bagging charges where necessary;
(4) Remuneration for services rendered.

3. Quantities to be handled spread over the period indicated above may amount to about 3 lakhs of tons for all the ports. Tenderers will be required to produce evidence that they have at their command sufficient storage accommodation to handle large consignments which may arrive in full ship-loads and also may have to be stored for some time. Generally the consignments which are received in packed condition are to be despatched direct from docks to the consignees in accordance with prior despatch instructions. When goods are received in torn or damaged condition only that quantity will have to be re-bagged or re-packed to make it fit for despatch.

4. Tenderers must produce satisfactory evidence showing that they have handled fertilizers and/or similar products on a fairly large scale in the past.

5. Other things being equal, preference will be given to those who have actual experience of clearing and forwarding fertilizers and have an organization for distribution of these chemicals.

6. Tenders must reach the undersigned in sealed covers by the 20th May 1949, at the latest.

7. Each tender must be accompanied by a Treasury Chalan for Rs. 10,000 as earnest money. This amount will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenderers. In addition, each tenderer must furnish a satisfactory reference from a scheduled bank showing that he has adequate financial standing for purposes of carrying out the terms of the contract offered to him.

8. The Government of India are not bound to accept the lowest or any tender or to give reasons for such non-acceptance.

9. There is no prescribed form for the submission of tenders. Tenders may be submitted in the tenderer's own letter-head furnishing clearly all particulars required above.

C. S. D. SWAMY,
Deputy Agricultural Production Adviser to the Govt. of India.
(4183)

DELICIOUS KASHMIR FRUITS

DEALERS in best European and Kashmir Fruits are invited to visit different orchards of His Highness' Private Estates at Srinagar (Kashmir) and the Maharaja Bagh, the biggest orchard in the State at Wadora near Sapore. Their fruits for the season will be sold by Public Auction at Farm House, Gupkar, Boulevard Srinagar at 1-00 p.m. on 7th and 8th May 1949, when successful bidders will be required to remit ¼th amount on spot. Other conditions will be announced at the time of Auction.

Correspondence invited by:—
THE MANAGER PRIVATE ESTATES OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJDHIRAJ, RULER OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR.
(Telegraphic Address: "PRIESTATES").
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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

TENDERS are invited for printing Government work in Royal Octavo and Foolscap folio sizes. The items to be printed in Royal Octavo size consist of pages in English, Marathi, Gujarati, and Kannada, with an average of 750 copies. The items in Foolscap folio size are solid English composing and the number of copies are below 100.

In either case proofs have to be sent to author and may take about a week for author's revise. Samples of the work can be seen at the Government Central Press, Bombay, on any working day.

Printers are requested to send their quotations, stating the number of pages they can undertake per week, to the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Charni Road, Bombay, by 7th May, 1949.
(4188)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY.

Office of the Deputy Salt Controller, Bombay Exchange Building Ballard Estate, Bombay No. 1.

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the lease of Plot No. 1, particulars of which are given below, situated within the village limits of Kanjur, Taluka South Salsette, District Bombay Suburban, for a minimum period of five years and a maximum period of ten years for the construction of salt works.

Particulars of land	Area approximately A. G. A.
Kanjur Survey No. 48	6 4 4
Kanjur Survey No. 43	0 10 0
Khoti Khajan Land	700 1 12
Total	706 16 0

bounded on the north by the Arthur Salt works and Bhadup creek on the south by marshy lands of Kanjur village, on the east by the Thana creek, and on the west by the Arthur Salt Works and Kanjur creek.

2 The conditions subject to which the salt works at Bhandup can be leased will be communicated on request in the office of the Deputy Salt Controller, Bombay, Assistant Salt Controller, Thana and the Officers in charge of salt factories in Kolaba and Thana Districts.

3. The intending tenderer should quote the amount of occupancy price for which he is prepared to take the plot on lease for a minimum period of five years or upto a maximum period of ten years and should enclose a treasury challan for Rs. 500/- to be deposited as earnest money at any land revenue treasury or in the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay.

4. The Salt Controller for India, New Delhi, reserves to himself the right to select any tender and is not bound to accept the highest or any particular tender.

5. The tenders should be addressed to the Deputy Salt Controller Bombay, Exchange Building, 4th floor, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay No. 1, sealed and superscribed with the words, "TENDER FOR THE LEASE OF GOVERNMENT PLOT NO. 1 AT BHANDUP" and should be posted or delivered in his office so as to reach him on or before 12 noon on the 15th May, 1949.

6. Tenders will be opened by the Deputy Salt Controller, Bombay, in his office at Exchange Building on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1949 at 3 P.M. in the presence of any tenderers who may attend at the time.

7. The persons whose tender is accepted will be required immediately after the receipt of the notice of the acceptance of his tender to execute the lease. He will also be required to bear all expenses of stamping, registration engrossment and other legal and incidental charges. He will also be required within seven days of the date of receipt of the notice of the acceptance of his tender to deposit the full amount of his tender.

8. In the event of any person whose tender has been accepted failing to execute the lease or to make the payment of the deposit referred to in condition 7 above within the period specified, the sum of Rs. 500/- deposited as earnest money by such tenderer at the time of delivering his tender will be forefeited to Government.

B. J. SANJANA.
Deputy Salt Controller,
Bombay.
Bombay, 28th April, 1949.
(4192)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MOHANLAL B. GANDHI has contracted to sell to our client Mr. MADHAVRAO VINAYAKRAO CHAWAN, the undermentioned property situate at Mahim and more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written. All persons having any claim against the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance assessment, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, situate at fourth floor, Yusuf Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to such claim, and the same if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of perpetual Fazandari land or ground together with the messuage, tenement dwelling house and the hut standing thereon situate lying and being at Mahim, without the Fort of Bombay and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 200 Square Yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Laughtons Survey No. part of 1150 and Collector's New No. part of 4253, Cadastral Survey Nos. 620 and 621 of Mahim Division, G Ward No. 5636 and Street No. 112 which premises are bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by open land and partly by Cadastral Survey No. 625 and 621; on or towards the West by open land and partly by Cadastral Survey No. 619; on or towards the South by Gully and land and behind Cadastral Survey No. 626 and on or towards the North by open land and behind property of Mr. Billimoria.

Dated this 27th day of April 1949.

CAMA & JAYAKAR
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(4191)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B. P. T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Section 64 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Aucion on MONDAY, the 2nd May, 1949, at 2 p.m. at Alexandra Docks (Sale Warehouse), hardware, auto parts, C.P. and Art Silk and Woollen piecegoods, Caustic Soda, Grinding wheels, Dry Colour, Toilet requisites, Machinery Cotton fents, 1,069 bags Cocoanuts in loose condition, Glassware, Chemical, Apparatus, Electric appliances, Drugs, Cocks, Brass scrap, 255 bundles (bobbin) wood, Antimony, Printed books, etc.

Under instructions from the B. B. & C. I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 13th, SATURDAY, the 14th, MONDAY, the 16th, TUESDAY, the 17th and FRIDAY, the 20th, SATURDAY the 21st, MONDAY, the 23rd, TUESDAY, the 24th, May, 1949 at 2 p.m. at B & A Shed, Carnac Bridge Goods Depot. Unclaimed Booked and Unbooked packages.

MENESSE & CO.

DISPOSALS OF VALUABLE CANTEEN GOODS

Auction Sale of Big Lots Provisions, Soap, Hair Oil, Brushes, Mirrors, Money belts, note books, Mugs, Cosmetics, Creams, Powders, etc., by order of the LIQUIDATORS, CANTEEN STORES DEPARTMENT, on FRIDAY, 29th April, at 11 a.m. (S.T.), at C. S. D. Depot, GHATKOPAR ((G.I.P.) near Rifle Range. Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit and sales tax. Delivery before 7th May. For catalogues apply to CRAWFORD & CO., Government Auctioneers, 132 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT THE JUNCTION OF KUMBHARWADA ROAD AND 2ND DUNCAN CROSS LANE.

Under instructions from Messrs. Mattubhai Jamietram and Madan Attorneys for the Mortgagees M/s. Mahomed Ahmed Moloobhoy, Sultan Ahmed Moloobhoy, and Sheriff Mahomed Moloobhoy, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Shahjadidevi, wife of Sham Shankar Jaimangal Upadhya and pursuant to the Power of Sale given in the Deed of mortgage dated 26-4-45 M/s. BENNETT & CO., will (TODAY) THURSDAY 28-4-49, at 4 p. m. (S.T.) sell by public Auction on the premises:—freehold land with dwelling house, at the junction of Kumbharwada Road, and 2nd Duncan Cross Lane, about 278 sq. yards Municipal St. No. 43-47-53 to 63 and on the East by sweepers' passage, West by Kumbharwada Road, North by Duncan Road 2nd Cross Lane and South by the property of Mr. Narayan.

For conditions of sale apply to the abovementioned Solicitors or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF ARTHUR ROAD PROPERTY (Harrawalla Building) did not take place on Monday, 25th inst. as it was a Public Holiday and Auction Sale of the above property will now take place on FRIDAY, 6th May, 1949 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.).

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS HARRAWALLA BUILDING NO. 14 AT SOPARI BAG.

Under instructions from the Joint Receivers appointed in Suit No. 750 of 1947 (Mahomedbhai Mulla Buxabhoy Shaikh Abdul Rahim vs. Mulla Mahomedali Shaikh Sarafali and others) and pursuant to the directions contained in the Consent Decree, dated 24th September, 1947, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will, on MONDAY, 16-5-49 at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the Premises:—

Land with buildings on Plot No. 43 of Improvement Trust Soparibag Estate, about 768 sq. yards, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 200/74 Parel-Sewri Division.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to M/s. Vakil Dadabhoy and Bharucha, Attorneys for the Joint Receivers or to the undersigned.

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CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Vad 30, 2005.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 26, 1368.
Parsi: Avan 28, 1318.
Sunrise: 6-13 a.m. Sunset: 7-0 p.m.
Hightide: —, 12-20.
Lowtide: 08-18, -8-13.
MUNCIPAL CORPORATION: Meeting of the Corporation today, at 3 p.m (S. T.).

To-day's Engagements

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 19, Mazagaon, will meet near Mazagaon Tram Terminus, on Friday (tomorrow), at 8-30 a.m. (S. T.), to go round the Ward. The residents of the Ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

BOMBAY SINDHI ASSOCIATION: The annual meeting of the General body of the Bombay Sindhi Association will take place in the Association premises, Balram Chambers, on Saturday, the 30th inst., 4-30 p.m.

CHEMISTS & DRUGGISTS ASSOCIATION: Fifth Annual Session today, at the Indian Merchants' Chamber Hall, Churchgate Street, at 3 p.m. The Honourable Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Health Minister to the Government of Bombay, will inaugurate the session.

BHARAT EDUCATION SOCIETY: First Anniversary of Society and Annual Social and Prize distribution at Marwari Vidyalaya, 6 p.m. Prof. V. G. Rao, presides.

Y. M. C. A.: Brains Trust at 6-30 p.m. Panel: Prof. T. Aguir, Lady Rama Rau, Mr. P. Narayan Prasad, Mr. Wayne M. Hartwell, Mr. S. H. Bhrugushastri, Dr. Gopal Ayengar and Dr. A. D. Nanavati.

"G" WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE, DADAR, BOMBAY: A monthly meeting of the Council of the "G" Ward District Congress Committee will be held at 7 p.m., today, in the Congress Office (Noor Building, opp. Dadar B. B. Station).

Y. W. C. A. BYCULLA: At Home to Mr. John Mathai, today, at 6-30 p.m., at Achamma Bhuvan, Y. W. C. T. 34 Motlibai Street, Byculla.

RECEPTION TO S. K. PATIL: On behalf of the public and workers of Lower Parel, today, at 8-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the Talshekar Wadi, Delisle Road, Low-Lend (Lower Parel) near B. B. & C. I. Rly. Workshop. Sjt. Joachim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay, will preside.

Sindhi Refugees' Education Society

With the help of the Government of Bombay, The Sindhi Refugees' Education Society, a registered body has undertaken to provide educational facilities, for Sindhi boys and girls.

The Government has granted permission to the Society to run a high school from 7-30 to 10-30 a.m. in the premises of the Elphinstone Technical School Dhobi Talao from the 2nd May, 1949.

The Society has arranged to help the needy students by way of granting half or full free studentship. No admission fees will be charged. Rates of fees will be the minimum fixed by the Government. Admission will commence from Thursday, the 28th instant from 9 to 10-30 a.m.

Competent staff has been engaged. Mr. A. J. Mamtora, B.A. (Hons.), B.T., M. R. S. T. (Lond.) will be the Principal of the School.

Radio

BOMBAY, Thursday, April 28.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s).
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s).
7-30 a.m. Vasant Tendulkar (Vocal music) 7-45 Momammad Khan (Been recital) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Gujarati Geeta 8-45 News (G).
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41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 12-50 Amritalal (Brahmanand) 1-0 News (G) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Dance Music.
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VARIATIONS.
353 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
7-45 a.m. News (K) 8-0 Nasiruddin Gore 8-30 News (M) 8-45 A. L. Shrikant.
353 m. (850 kc/s)
31.41 (9,550 kc/s)
12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 Bhavgeet 1-10 Rangabhoomi 1-30 Lalita Venkatraman (Kannada songs) 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Vanita Mandal.
353 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m.
61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)
from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m.
5-30 p.m. Children's Half-Hour 6-0 Sulochana Mhapsekar (Vocal music) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Sulochana Mhapsekar (Vocal music) 8-30 Ramat Gamat (Sports review in Gujarati) 8-45 "Bhagwan Buddh" 9-0 B. R. Deodhar 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 On the Playing Fields (Talk in English) 10-0 Nasiruddin Gore 10-30 B. R. Deodhar.

BARODA-AHMEDABAD, Thursday, April 28.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Morning Variety 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Ramdas Buwa Dindorkar 8-45 News (G) 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Gangadhar Sant 6-10 Topical Item 6-25 Jagdish Patel and Party 6-35 Gramjano Mate 6-35 Music.
326.1 m. (920 kc/s)
7-0 p.m. Nanhekhan Ghulam Khan 7-15 Gangadhar Sant 7-30 Air Chorus Party 7-45 Ajnun Keshmir 8-10 Local Announcements 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Apani Parmaith 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Jagdish Patel and Party 9-30 Kadu-Kundal 10-0 Nanhekhan Ghulam Khan (Vocal music).

The Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Leser (centre, garlanded) at a party given in honour of Mr. A. Leser, the retiring Director of Hindustan Vanaspati Company, at the Cricket Club of India on Tuesday evening.

"FATHER OF HINDUSTAN VANASPATI INDUSTRY"

Mr. Ebrahim's Glowing Tributes To A. Lesser

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Tributes for the services rendered to the vegetable product industry in India by Mr. A. Leser, Director of the Hindusthan Vanaspati Manufacturing Company Limited, were paid at a party arranged by the agents of the Company on Tuesday. The party was arranged on the occasion of Mr. Leser's retirement from the Company after 23 years distinguished service.

FATHER OF VANASPATI

Mr. Aboobaker Ebrahim, addressing the gathering, referred to Mr. Leser's pioneering spirit in sponsoring the Hindusthan Vanaspati Manufacturing Company. The speaker described Mr. Leser as the father of the Vanaspati industry, who had successfully piloted the industry through the war-time controls, and the difficulties which the industry had to face during those troubled years.

The industry, Mr. Ebrahim concluded, owed Mr. Leser a deep debt of gratitude for his firm stand against colourisation and other-measures which would hamper the progress of the industry.

KARAKA ACQUITTED

Prosecution On Charge Of Obscenity Fails

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Holding that the cartoon and the write up which were the basis of the charge could not come within the scope of Section 292 of the Indian Penal Code, Rao Saheb C. B. Velkar, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade, ordered the acquittal of Mr. D. F. Karaka, editor of "March", who was being prosecuted on charges of obscenity.

The prosecution had been launched in respect of a cartoon in the issue of August 11 and depicted a woman lying sunbathing covered by a copy of "March." The Magistrate stated that while the cartoon may have been in bad taste, it could not be held to excite any passions and could not therefore, come within the four corners of section 292 of the Indian Penal Code.

Similar observations were made by the Magistrate in respect of an article published in the issue of July 14 of the paper, purporting to outline an act for the effective prevention of over population, which according to the defence was written "in light vein."

Sir Hormuzdiyar Dastur, instructed by Mr. M. F. Mavji, Solicitor defended Mr. Karaka.

VEGETABLE HAWKER MURDERED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Keshav Ganu, a vegetable hawker, was found murdered in cold blood, this morning. His body was found lying in a pool of blood on a footpath at Chira Bazar and a blood-stained knife was lying by his side.

Ganu had a deep gash in his neck. The murder seems to be the result of some family quarrel.

The Princess Street Police are investigating. No arrests have been made so far.

Hostel For Backward Class Students

A Government Hostel for Backward Class students will be started at Hubli, this year. The premises of the Criminal Tribes Settlement there will be suitably converted into a hostel.

Tanning Demonstration Centre At Godhra

With a view to providing facilities to tanners in their profession, the Government of Bombay has decided to start a Tanning Demonstration Centre (Finishing Unit) at Godhra, in Panch Mahals district. The new centre will be on the lines of the one at Satara.

Non-Teaching Staff Of School Boards

The Government of Bombay has directed that the revised scales of pay of the non-teaching staff of District School Boards should be given retrospective effect from January 1, 1947 instead of April 1, 1948.

Mehmadabad Market Area

The Government of Bombay intends to regulate the purchase and sale of kodra, bavto, tur, mug, math, chola, udid, castorseed, sesamum and variali in the area of Mehmadabad taluka of Kaira District. Any objection or suggestion, which may be received by the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, on or before May 28, 1949, will be considered by the Government.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, April 27 (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, April 27, 1949:—

Thundershowers have been widespread in Assam and occurred locally in West Bengal and Bihar. Isolated thundershowers have also been reported from Orissa, the south Deccan and the Simla hills.

Day temperaturers were appreciably above normal in the west United Provinces, the East Punjab, Rajputana and Vindhya Pradesh while night temperatures were appreciably above normal in the north Bombay Deccan and south Rajputana.

Forecast valid until the evening of 8th:— Thundershowers will occur locally in Assam, West Bengal and Bihar and in Chota Nagpur, the east United Provinces, the hills of the west United Provinces, in the south Deccan, Mysore and Malabar.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, April 27 (A.P.I.): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st April 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8-30 hours I.S.T. on 27th April 1949:—

Ahmedabad 109 79 0 0 minus 0.1; Ahmednagar 106 81 0 0 minus 0.4; Allahabad 104 79 0 0 minus 0.2; Bangalore 96 73 0 1.6 plus 0.2; Banaras 100 79 0 0 minus 0.2; BOMBAY 91 80 0 0 0; Calcutta 89 74 1.4 6.0 plus 4.5; Cochin 88 81 0 6.0 plus 1.7; Colombo 86 73 0 23.8 plus 15.3 Cuttack 97 83 0 0.8 minus 0.2; Darjiling — 50 1.1 8.2 plus 4.8; Dehradun 94 71 0 0.8 plus 0.2; Delhi 105 77 0 0 minus 0.3; Hyderabad (Dn.) 105 81 0 0.3 minus 0.7; Kanpur (U.P.) 106 78 0 0 minus 0.2; Kolhapur 99 74 0 0.5 —; Lahore 108 70 0 0 minus 0.5; Lucknow 102 80 0 0 minus 0.2; Madras 97 81 0 0.9 plus 1.3; Mussorie 73 62 0 0 minus 1.2; Mysore 96 73 0 2.1 plus 0.2; Nagpur 112 83 0 0.1 minus 0.5; Ootacamund 74 51 0 3.5 plus 1.1; Patna 93 76 0 0.8 plus 0.5; Poona 107 73 0 0 minus 0.8; Quetta 82 45 0 0.2 minus 0.7; Shillong 67 58 1.0 11.1 plus 6.6; Sholapur 109 83 0 0 minus 0.5; Simla 75 54 0.3 1.9 plus 0.2; Trichinopoly 100 73 0 1.1 minus 0.4; Trivandrum 90 80 0 2.3 minus 1.5.

Modak's Appointment Regularised

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Municipal Schools Committee today approved of the provincial Government's proposal to appoint Miss K. Khandvala, Secretary of the Committee as one of the non-official members on the permanent Nutrition Advisory Committee which will advise Government on questions pertaining to nutrition.

The Standing Committee of the Corporation at its meeting gave its accord to the Municipal Commissioner's suggestion regularising the appointment of Mr. N. V. Modak, Special Engineer of the Municipality, for a period of five years with effect from September 26, 1946.

Eastern Chemical Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Eastern Chemical Company (India), Bombay, and its employees has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. P. S. Bakhle.

Propaganda Campaign For Blood Donation

The Government of Bombay has decided to launch a Province-wide propaganda campaign for attracting voluntary blood donors for the maintenance of Blood Banks. It will spend Rs. 9,000 on this propaganda work in 3 years.

Rates Of Boring Work

The Government of Bombay has cancelled its orders, of March last, regarding the rates of boring work done by boring machines of the Directorate of Agricultural Engineering. Revised orders will be issued in due course.

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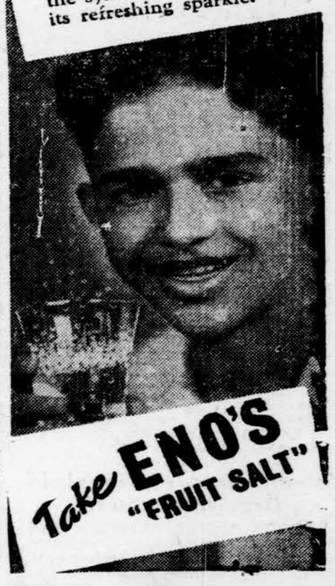

PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM

Conciliation Commission Discusses Issue With Delegates

LAUSANNE, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): United Nations officials meeting envoys from Israel and four Arab states here were to-day beginning a search for a solution to the problems of 800,000 homeless Arab victims of the Palestine conflict.

Members of the Palestine Conciliation Commission were opening the conference with separate exploratory talks first with the Israelis and then with each of the Arab delegations.

Three Arab groups, from Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon, arrived here last night and representatives from Transjordan were expected in time for to-day's preliminary discussions.

If the negotiations can solve the refugee problem and agree on the future status of Jerusalem, they may be spurred on to an attempt to achieve a final peace settlement for Palestine.

WEIZMANN LEAVES FOR NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON, April 26. (UPA): President Chaim Weizmann of Israel left Washington by train at 4-10 p.m. EST, to-day for New York after a two-day visit here.

Shortly before the train departed, Stanley Woodward, State Department Protocol Chief, accompanied by Mrs Woodward, boarded the train to bid Weizmann farewell on behalf of President Truman. Weizmann shook Woodward's hand warmly asking him to express to Truman his appreciation for the hospitality accorded to him during his brief visit here.

The highlight of Weizmann's stay here was the luncheon given in his honour by the President and Mrs. Truman at Blair House yesterday.

Weizmann spent this morning on a brief sight-seeing trip of the capital.

LIBYA OPPOSES ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION.

LAKE SUCCESS, April 26. (U.P.A.): A spokesman for the "National Congress of Cyrenaica" warned the United Nations to-day that his people would take up arms to fight the return of Italian administration to Libya.

Omar Shenaib of the Congress Party, testifying before the Political Committee of the General Assembly during the afternoon session, issued a warning in reply to a question by the Ethopian delegate who asked what would happen if the United Nations voted for the return of Italy. He replied: "The people of Cyrenaica will not accept the return of Italy to Libya. If the United Nations votes in favour of Italy's return, the Italians would be resisted by force of arms".

Transjordan-Syrian Frontier Closed

DAMASCUS, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): Colonel Husni El Zaim, Syrian Prime Minister today closed the Syrian-Transjordan Frontier because of what were described as aggressive measures.

The Colonel ordered the recruiting of troops to "face every menace."

The Colonel, it was said, intends to make the Syrian army the second greatest force in the Middle East after Turkey.

Syria is apparently ready to oppose by all means formation of any "greater Syria" or "fertile crescent" schemes, involving Iraq, Transjordan and Syria.

The old Syrian regime under President Shukey el Khoualty had always bitterly plans of King Abdullah of Transjordan for union of the countries under any scheme.

NO LUXURIES FOR ISRAEL

Country To Have Austerity Programme

TEL AVIV, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): Israel is to have an austerity programme, based on Britain's wartime rationing scheme from May 1.

A bureau of economic planning will maintain strictest control on prices and consumption.

Plans include a standard menu, price control on catering charges and a complete ban on the import of luxury goods.

Clothing and household goods will be produced on a utility basis and luxury goods will be turned out for export only.

Ration books will be issued for essential commodities and every import will be under licensing control.

Every effort will be made to reduce hard currency expenditure.

Dr. Den Joseph, Minister of Rationing supply, introducing the scheme in the Knesset (Parliament) to-day said measures against black marketeers would be tightened.

He appealed for public co-operation.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion denied any truth in reports that immigration to Israel was being restricted.

The new states life depended on adherence to the Government plan to double the population in four years, he said.

Treatment Of Refugees And Hindu Evacuees

KARACHI, April 26. (P.T.I-Reuter): The Sind Government taking official cognizance of the return of Sindhi Hindu evacuees from India have instructed Government officials in the districts to see that finding accommodation for the returning non-Muslim refugees did not result in the eviction of rehabilitated Muslim refugees from houses or shops at present occupied by them.

A press note issued today said: "Frequent reports are being received that refugees are made to vacate houses at present occupied by them under orders of the district authorities in order to make room for Hindu evacuees returning to Sind. It is the declared policy of the Government of Sind that our responsibility for proper shelter and resettlement of refugees must invariably have precedence over our obligation towards evacuees returning to Sind, and on the basis of this policy returning evacuees must be content with what is still left unoccupied in the shape of houses, shops etc".

"Social Health Centre" At Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, April 27. (A.P.I.): A "Social Health Centre", pledged to launch a concerned attack on anti-social activities, was formed here today.

The occasion was marked by a meeting attended by some prominent men of the province including the Labour Minister, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda. The president of the Gujerat Congress Committee Mr. Kanjyalal Desai presided.

Mr. Nanda explained the pledge he had presented to the recent Sarvodaya Conference at Indore. The pledge to abstain from bribery, blackmarketing tax evasion, ticketless travel, wasteful expenditure and other vices was to be taken by all people including ministers and Government servants Mr. Nanda said.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Annual Meeting On July 21

BANGALORE, April 26. (A.P.I.): The Governing Council of the Indian Institute of Science, meeting here yesterday, with Sir Vithal N. Chandavarkar presiding, passed a condolence resolution touching the death of Prof. Birbal Sahanin a member of the court.

A press note issued after the meeting stated that the Council adopted the annual report of the working of the institute for the year 1947-48 and decided to hold the annual meeting of the court of the institute on July 2. The Council of the institute will meet on July 4 to consider the report of the reviewing committee.

INDIA AND FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES

LAKE SUCCESS, April 26. (PTI-Reuter)—Mr. M. C. Setalvad, leader of the Indian delegation estimated today that the total annual deficit to the United Nations if it administered the former Italian Colonies directly would be about 5,500,000 dollars.

Mr. Setalvad was replying to United States criticism in the Political Committee of UNO which resumed discussion on the disposition of the Colonies that if direct U.N. Trusteeship was approved it would cost the U.N. about 40,000,000 dollars annually.

India has proposed that the territories should be placed under the United Nations "outside the Big Power orbit".

Assam M. L. A. Loses His Shirt!

NOWGONG (Assam), April 26.—A rowdy scene was created at the local Matriculation examination centre yesterday.

It is stated that the son of a M.L.A. along with five other examinees were expelled from the examination hall for adopting unfair means. The M.L.A. rushed into the room of the officer-in-charge and demanded explanation from him why his son was expelled and abused the officers and invigilators.

It is also reported that after coming out from the room he shouted filthy language and threatened the invigilators.—UPI.

K.P.C.C. TO CONSIDER PATTABHI REPORT

BELLARY, April 26. (A.P.I.). Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, speaking at a public meeting here, said that the next meeting of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee, to be held on May 7, would consider the Congress Three-Man Committee's report on linguistic provinces.

Mr. Diwakar was presented with a civic address by the Bellary Municipal Council.

Satyagraha Against Bihar Govt.'s Language Policy

PURULIA (Bihar), April 25 (API): The Presidents of the West Bengal and Bihar Provincial Congress Committees, Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee and Mr. Prajapati Misra, are on a visit to Purulia to study questions connected with the "Satyagraha started by the Manbhum District Lok Sevak Sangh.

The two Provincial Congress Presidents had a three hour discussion this morning behind closed doors with the leader of the "satyagraha" and Director of the District Lok Sevak Sangh, Mr. Atul Ghosh. Pandit Misra also had a talk with Mr. Arun Ghosh, son of Mr. Atul Ghosh, who is a prominent satyagrahi.

The two presidents will visit some villages.

The "satyagraha," which is directed against the Bihar Government's language policy in the Bengali-speaking district of Manbhum, was started on April 6 and was suspended on Saturday last, on receipt of a letter from the Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, to Mr. Atul Ghosh.

States Finance Enquiry Committee

MADRAS, April 25 (API).—The Indian States Finance Inquiry Committee, considered today certain preliminary financial proposals relating to Cochin, Travancore and Mysore, before meeting representatives of these States.

Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Chairman of the Committee, and the other two members, Mr. N. Dandekar and Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, will meet the representatives of Travancore and Cochin at Ernakulam on April 27 and those of Mysore at Bangalore on April 28 and 29.

NEW TRUCE PROPOSALS FOR KASHMIR

RAWALPINDI, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan was expected to present its latest proposals for a truce in Kashmir to the two dominions today, usually reliable sources said here.

The proposals are to be presented here and in New Delhi.

They are described as a revised form of the proposals originally made on April 15.

AHEAD WITH 'LAND TO TILLER' POLICY

Kashmir Government Sets Up Committee To Fix Size Of Economic Holdings

SRINAGAR, April 26 (A.P.I.): The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have set up a committee to implement their "land-to-the-tiller "agrarian policy.

The members of the Committee of which the Revenue Minister is the Chairman, include the Development Minister and the Finance Minister. The representatives of tenants will also be included in the Committee. The Committee will examine and report on the maximum amount of land Abi (irrigated) and Khuski (unirrigated) which an individual owner should be permitted to hold and the circumstances in which such restrictions on land holdings may be relaxed. It will consider the terms on which the land in excess of the optimum owned by an individual landowner should be acquired, and also the class of people who should get preference in the allotment of such land.

The Committee will also determine the size of an economic holding and the safeguards necessary to secure it against a break-up.

Aircraft Demonstrations

NEW DELHI, April 27 (API).—A British aircraft, the Percival "Prince", is to give a series of demonstrations in India and Ceylon.

The "Prince" opens its tour in Delhi with demonstrations at Willingdon airfield on May 2 and 3. Among those witnessing the demonstrations will be Government of India Civil Aviation and Transport officials, representatives of the three armed services, airline operators and other business executives.

Similar demonstrations will be given in Calcutta, Colombo, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Bombay.

The Percival Prince is designed for feeder lines, charter and taxi services, for freight carrying or passenger transport seating eight to ten persons.

TANJORE, April 26 (A.P.I.): Collections to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund from Tanjore district so far amount to Rs. 2 lakhs. The amount will be presented to Dr. Rajendra Prasad when he visits Tanjore on April 30.

MOUNTING RACIAL CRUELTY IN S. AFRICA

Former Labour M. P. Criticises Malan's Policy

LONDON, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): Miss M. Whatelay former Labour member of the London County Council, and India League member, who went to South Africa to study racial conditions told a London press conference to-night that she was sending a 700 page report to all the Commonwealth Prime Ministers now in conference here.

Explaining that she was a Catholic and "a passionate believer in democracy" Miss Whateley told correspondents that if she lived in South Africa she would find it extremely difficult to vote for anybody, but the Communist Party which was the only political organisation pledged to do away with the colour bar.

By its policy Dr. Malan's Government was opening the door to communism in South Africa she continued.

It was true no lynchings took place out there was day to day cruelty.

Coloured people were deprived of their fundamental rights and endlessly humiliated she added.

MADRAS MINISTRY EXPANSION

No Final Decision

MADRAS, April 27 (API).—Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, told pressmen today that he was still continuing his efforts to appoint some more Ministers to make his Cabinet "broadbased."

"An approach has been made to Dr. P. Subbaroyan, former Home Minister, to join the Cabinet, but no final reply has so far been received from him," he said.

The Premier added that he would hold further consultation with Mr. Kararaja Nadar, President of the Tamilnad Congress, before finally deciding on the expansion of the Cabinet.

Allahabad To Have Observatory

ALLAHABAD, April 27 (API).—Allahabad may have shortly a first class Observatory.

Prof. A. C. Bannerjee of the Allahabad University has prepared a scheme for the observatory under the auspices of the University. The scheme has been recommended to the U.P. Government by the University Grants Committee.

Mr. Sampurnanand, Education Minister, U.P., it is learnt, has recommended a suitable grant for a building for the Observatory in the University premises.

Report On Progress Of Roman Catholic Missions In India

OOTACAMUND, April 26. (API)—M. Le Marie, Superior General of Foreign Missions, Paris, is now in India stuyding the progress of Roman Catholic Missions.

At the end of his tour of the country he will make a report to Rome.

He has visited Salem, Coimbatore Coonoor and Ootacamund in the Madras presidency.

M. Le Maire is also expected to tour the Mysore State.

CALCUTTA, April 26 (API): The Government of West Bengal have decided to expand the State-owned bus service in Calcutta by the addition of 400 more single decker and 100 double decker buses in the course of the next two years it is learnt.

India-S. Africa Dispute

U. N. May Postpone Discussion

LAKE SUCCESS, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations General Assembly may postpone discussing during its present session the Indian-South Africa dispute as well as the question of France-Spain according to persistant reports here to-day.

Final settlement of the Italian colonies question and the proposed discussion on Indonessia may also be left in abeyance until next September, well informed source stated.

It is known that Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian President of the Assembly, is anxious to finish the present session if possible by Saturday week.

He has had discussions with various delegations and with the Secretariat on ways and means to accomplish this.

Problems facing the Assembly are to fit in the Indian complaint against South Africa, the unfinished debate on the former Italian colonies, the Spanish case, and the Indonesian discussion.

No final solution on Italy's former African colonies, judging from the debate in the Political Committee, is in sight, and it is doubtful if a clear-cut vote can be obtained at this session.

Only new question which appear reasonably certain of coming before a Committee and reaching the voting stage is the admission of Israel to the United Nations.

Both Britain and the United States are said to be amenable to dropping the Spanish question.

THREAT OF RIOTS IN UGANDA

Govt. Takes Immediate Action

NAIROBI KENYA, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): The Uganda Government took strong action to-day to deal with threatening riots fomented by what it called "African hooligans" in the British East-Central African Protectorate, it was learned here.

Police baton charges broke up a crowd which gathered near the palace of the Kabaka. African ruler of Uganda, one of the protectorates four provinces to demand the dismissal of the three Ministers through whom he governs.

"AFTER THOUGHT" TO COVER DEBACLE OF ANTI-MINISTRY

Madhya Bharat Premier On No-Confidence Vote

GWALIOR, April 26. (U.P.I.): The statement made by Mr. Gopikrishna Vijayvargiya, President of Madhya Bharat Congress Committee, in his press interview that his supporters "were not so much against the Ministry as a whole as against the inefficiency and malpractices indulged in by some of the Ministers", was characterised as mischievous and contrary to the facts by Mr. Liladhar Joshi, Premier of Madhya Bharat Union, in an interview to the United Press of India here today.

"AFTER-THOUGHT"

"It is an after-thought", observed Mr. Joshi, "meant to cover up the utter debacle of the anti-Ministry group at the party meeting held here on April 22 and a subtle attempt to justify the vote of no-confidence which his followers had brought against the Ministry without making any specific accusations against its work of the last few months. Mr. Vijayvargiya did not raise the question of the alleged inefficiency and malpractices of some of the Ministers in the Provincial Congress Committee meeting held from time to time. I, therefore, challenge him to substantiate these grave charges against my colleagues or else tender a public apology for his failure to do so".

"The fact of the matter", he added, "is that the sponsors of the vote of no-confidence motion did not make any speeches to explain their resolution but simply read out their motion and asked the party to give its verdict on it.

"This deviation from the normal Parliamentary procedure", Mr. Joshi said, "was done, because the dissident group was sure of its success in overthrowing the Ministry. But God willed otherwise".

Baroda To Celebrate Merger

BARODA, April 27 (API): Baroda's merger with Bombay Province on May 1 next will be marked by celebrations all over the State.

According to the programme drawn up for the day by the "Baroda Integration Ceremony Committee", rallies and children's sports will be held at District and Taluka headquarters at 8-30 in the morning. There will be public meetings in the evening.

The District Headquarters will also hold police parades and flag hoisting ceremonies.

The Baroda Government have allotted Rs. 100 for each Taluka town and Rs. 250 for each District town to be spent on the occasion.

Baroda Ruler's Household Department Staff

BARODA, April 26 (API).—The staff of the Baroda Maharaja's household department have sent a telegram to the Governor-General of India protesting against the Baroda Government's orders compulsorily retiring them from service after the State merges with Bombay Province on May 1.

They urge that they should be absorbed into central or provincial service, as they were selected by a Public Service Commission, and their services will now were "interchangeable with any department of the State."

University For Baroda

STATE ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL

BARODA, April 26 (API): The Baroda Dhara Sabha (State Legislative Assembly) at a special session today passed the third reading of an official bill providing for the establishment of a University in Baroda. The bill now awaits the assent of the Maharajah.

The University which will be known as the Maharajah Sayaji Rao University of Baroda will be a residential one with powers of affiliation.

The bill makes special provisions for the spread of university education among backward communities. Under the bill no educational institution within the limits of Baroda City and a radius of ten miles from the University office could, save with the consent of the University and the sanction of the Government, be associated with or seek admission to privileges of any other university.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR STATE

A supplementary budget for Baroda for the period from August 1, 1949, to March 31, 1950 will be introduced in the State Dhara Sabha on April 28. This budget would be handed over to the Government of Bombay after the merger of the State with that province to form the basis of administration of State revenues upto March 31, 1950.

HARTAL IN INDORE

Protest Against Levy Of Income Tax

INDORE, April 27. (API)—A partial hartal was observed here today as a protest against the levy of income-tax proposed in a bill introduced by the Finance Minister of Madhyabharat in the Legislative Council at Gwalior, towards the end of the last month.

The principal markets, including the local bullion exchange and many shops in the city remained closed today while the Select Committee, to which the bill was referred, was holding a sitting to hear evidence.

The hartal was called by the secretary of the Madhyabharat Chamber of Commerce (Indore branch) despite the advice of the Indore City Congress President to abandon it in view of the fact that the proposal was still being considered by the select committee.

Keen Competition In Surat Gram Panchayat Election

SURAT, April 27. (API)—Elections to the gram panchayats in Surat district, now in progress, were marked by unprecedently keen competition, according to Mr. Prem Shankar Bhatt, President of the Surat District Local Board.

In Icchapur, village, he said, there was a difference of only one vote in the case of a seat. In another village, in Pardi Taluka, 75 candidates were contesting 15 seats.

There are at present about 60 gram panchayats in the district, but recommendations have been submitted to the Provincial Government for the establishment of about 400 panchayats.

KARACHI, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): A Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman to-day contradicted the report that the Dominion Government was shortly opening a Consulate in Pondicherry. No such proposal was under the consideration of the Government, he said.

DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES

France-Mexican Resolution In Social Committee

LAKE SUCCESS, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): India, Pakistan, Mexico, France and Russia have supported a proposal designed to develop national information agencies.

A joint France-Mexican resolution, now being considered by the Social Committee which is drafting an international news convention would specifically provide that a contracting state be allowed to:

(1) Reserve to its nationals the right to set up and direct information agencies in its own territory.

(2) Pass legislation regarding the "proportion" of national and foreign staff to be employed by foreign agencies operating in its territory."

(3) Take measures to help set up and develop national information agencies.

(4) Take measures to ensure that national agencies "enjoy equality of opportunity with the foreign agencies".

(5) Take measures to prohibit practices tending to create monopolies.

M. Jacques Kayser, France, told the Committee yesterday that the joint text was not designed to "substitute one national monopoly for another but rather to provide for a reciprocal interchange of news, if not a unilateral one.

"We do not want the underdeveloped countries to be deprived because news has already been disseminated by foreign agencies" he said.

SOVIET SUPPORT

India and Pakistan maintained that the "inherent national genius and culture" must find expression.

Mrs. Renuka Ray, India, said: "no country can barter way away its rights to develop and encourage its own information agencies and thus act in a manner prejudical to the interests of its own country."

M. S. K. Tsarpkin, Russia, although strongly supporting the joint resolution, said he did not feel it would have nay "radical" effect on the convention.

"No amendment which would protect national interests will do anything radical to the convention, as all other articles have safeguarded the United States and United Kingdom monopolises" he declared.

The Committee earlier approved by a vote of 32 in favour, four against and six abstentions, a provision declaring that nothing in the convention would deprive states from making and enforcing laws and public regulations for the protection of national security and public order.

DEMOCRAT SENATOR STRESSES NEED FOR ECONOMIC AID TO INDIA

WASHINGTON, April 26. (U.P.A.): Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey renewed his plea for economic aid to India to-day.

The plea was inserted in a Congressional statement calling on the United States to formulate a "positive and constructive foreign policy along with economic aid."

Stressing that India was a strong supporter of the United Nations with "deep friendship for the United States," Humphrey said that India was the pivotal nation in American relations with the Near and Far East. He said: "Recent events in Burma, French Indo-China, Indonesia, China and India compel our government to direct its attention to these troubled and explosive regions. The cold war in Europe has diverted our attention to the European theatre despite the fact we consistently talk in terms of one world."

He said: "Frankly, we need friends in Asia. We have need to recognize the tremendous potential of wealth and power, as well as real facts, of the population and races that exist in the Asiatic area." He added "What to do in China as a question mark and will remain so for some time to come. The other potential great power in Asia is India which is still preserving its freedom. India remains free from Communist conquest of successful infiltrations. India is blessed by the leadership of a humanitarian and a man of democratic institutes, Pandit Nehru."

Humphrey said that India was not only geographically pivotal but "represents a great potential industrially and commercially."

He added that, furthermore, the Indian constitution "points in the direction of individual freedom and responsible government. She is the leader in the South-eastern Asia area."

SOVIET ENGINEER RELEASED ON BAIL

NEW YORK, April 26. (PTI-Reuter): Valentin a Gubitchev Russian engineer formerly attached to the United Nations Secretariat arrested last month on charges of spying was released on 100,000 dollars bail today by the New York Federal Court.

His release followed long arguments between the Russian Embassy and the United States Government over special conditions laid down for his release.

M. Lev Tolkonnikov First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy who posted the bail finally agreed to the terms of release which lay down that Gubitchev must remain within the Federal district of New York and must not enter a dock, ship, airport or aircraft.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested Gubitchev and Miss Juditch Coplon, former Justice Department employee on March 4, after trailing them in New York.

Miss Coplon, is alleged to have carried summaries of secret Government documents in her handbag with the intention of passing them on to Gubitchev.

Indian Armed Forces Commissions

APPLICATIONS are invited from unmarried Indian nationals and Gurkha subjects of Nepal for admission to the Military Wing of the Armed Forces Academy and the initial Training Wing of the Royal Indian Air Force for the course commencing in January, 1950. The combined examination for entry to these courses, orginally due to take place on June 15, 16 and 17, 1949, will now be held on August 8 and 9, 1949 and the last date for the receipt of completed application forms in the Federal Public Service Commission's Office has been extended from 2nd April to 14th May, 1949. Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi or nearest Military Sub-Area H.Q. Recruiting Office.

AGE LIMITS:—Civilian candidates must have been born (i) NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1929 and NOT later than 1st January 1932 for the Army and (ii) NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1929 and NOT later than 1st July, 1932 for the Royal Indian Air Force.

Personnel serving in the Army who wish to compete for admission to the Military Wing must have been born NOT earlier than 2nd January, 1926 and NOT later than 1st January, 1932.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:—Must have passed Matriculation or equivalent Examination. Applications from candidates who have appeared or intend to appear for the Matriculation or equivalent Examination will be accepted provisionally and they will be required to furnish proof of having passed the Examination before the date of commencement of the Federal Public Service Commission Examination.

SELECTION:—Candidates who qualify at the written Examination of the Federal Public Service Commission will be required to appear before the Services Selection Boards.

NOTE

1. FOR ARMY CANDIDATES

Applicants for admission to the 7th Course (Military Wing) whose results are NOT yet known are advised, if otherwise eligible, to submit their applications for appearing at this examination. If they are successful for the 7th course, their applications will be cancelled.

2. FOR RIAF CANDIDATES.

Upto 70% of the candidates selected for admission to the initial Training Wing of the Royal Indian Air Force will, on successful completion of flying training, be given permanent Commissions, and the remainder 30%, short service Commissions in the G. D. (Pilots) Branch of the Royal Indian Air Force.

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Tatas In Beighton Cup Semi-Final

EASY VICTORY OVER SIKH REGIMENT

CALCUTTA, April 27 (API): Mohun Bagan, Tata Sports (Bombay) and Punjab Sports qualified for the semi-finals of the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament today at the expense of Kirkee United (Poona), Sikh Regimental Centre (Ambala) and U. P. XI respectively.

After two keenly-contested drawn matches Port Commissioners, the Calcutta League Champions had the better of the Delhi Independents in the fourth replay, the third match having been abandoned yesterday owing to rain after a few minutes play.

Punjab Sports had the distinction of beating the U.P. XI, a selected provincial team and last year's joint winners of the Beighton Cup, by one goal to nil. Save for a few minutes of the second half, the game lacked colour. Exchanges were even. Punjab defense kept a constant eye on Bubu, the Olympic star, who had a bad day. Sethi the Punjab Sports' inside-left caught the public eye by his clever play. The all important goal came in the 14th minute of the second half. Sethi, piercing the U.P. defence, passed to Jagdish who forthwith returned it to Sethi, the latter scored with a quick shot. Short corners in favour of U.P. proved abortive due to feeble striking. Punjab Sports will meet Mohun Bagan in the semi-final.

In the Tata Sports (Bombay) and Sikh Regimental Centre (Ambala) encounter the second goal of the match was not scored, but awarded. After a barren first half Tata scored in the sixteenth minute through L. D'Souza. The Ambala goalee picked up the ball and threw it. A penalty bully was awarded against him and Carvalho for Tata took the bully. The goalee thrice violated the rules of the bully and the Umpire signalled for a goal in favour of the Tatas. Tata had the better of the exchanges in the match. They will meet the winners of Port Commissioners and Bangalore Sporting in the semi-final.

Mohun Bagan vs. Kirkee United (Poona) match turned out to be a one-sided affair. Mohun Bagan out clashed their opponents and scored in the ninth minute of the start. Jaswant in pivotal position fed his forwards with beautiful passes and defended ably. The superiority of Mohun Bagan was never in doubt. They increased their lead through D. Banerjee who netted with a terrific shot off a short corner. The third goal by Jaswant was a nice piece of work. He dribbled past his opponents, lifted the ball over the goalee's head and netted. Inderjit scored the last goal.

Port Commissioners attacked from the start in their match against Delhi. Jansen getting a short pass in front of the goal scored with a terrific shot in the twelfth minute of the first half. Delhi attacked immediately but there was no further scoring during the first half. Within the third minute of resumption the Port team again scored through Jansen. After this goal, Delhi, in an effort to retrieve the position, pressed hard and the Port team had their backs to the wall. A good move in the thirteenth minute by Glacken and Das put the Port Commissioners three up. Das scored from a difficult angle when the custodian came out of his charge. The Port team will meet Bangalore Sports in the quarter-final.

The following are the results:—

Port Commissioners 3, Delhi Independents 0; Punjab Sports 1, U. P. XI 0; Tata Sports (Bombay) 2, Sikh Regimental Centre (Ambala) 0; Mohun Bagan 4 Kirkee United (Poona) 0.

SCHOOL'S HOCKEY

A Drawn Game In Dr. Viegas Cup

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

St. Stanislaus High School held Dufferin "A" to a draw this evening. To all it appeared that Dufferin after their recent success in the Junior Aga Khan would run out easy winners, but credit goes to St. Stanislaus defence for the splendid manner in which they held the fort.

St. Stanislaus High School and Dufferin shared two goals.

St. Stanislaus opened their account through Concessio their centre half, who was outstanding in keeping his attackers at bay and also spoon fed his forwards in, orthodox fashion. He plays absolutely book-like hockey for a centre half.He scored from a melee in the first half of play. The interval was taken with the Bandra boys in the lead.

It was midway through the second half that Dufferin were able to live to fight another marathon battle when B. D'Souza put in the equalizer. This semi-final will be replayed today at 4-30 p.m.

NEED FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE

Dr. Mhaskar's Appeal To Youths

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, April 27.

Addressing a large gathering at Vile Parle on Tuesday night on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Krishnabai Limaye Vyayamshala of the local Seva Sangh, Dr. K. S. Mhaskar regretted that no concerted attempt had been made to impart physical education to the people of this country with the result that their death rate had been on the increase. If parents had taken greater care to interet their children in harmless physical exercises, the country would have been better off. Fortunately for them, their own popular government was in power and they had been making financial grants to subsidise private effort in the organisation of Physical Culture institutions. The speaker appealed to the youths of the country to take advantage of these facilities and equip themselves for the battle of life. Maharashtra had made a great headway in this direction and he was glad to see that in the last Provincial Conference, Maharastrians acquitted themselves very well. In conclusion, Dr. Mhaskar commended the work of the Vile Parle Vyayamshala and wished it all success.

Earlier, the students of the Vyayamshala performed several interesting feats of physical culture to an appreciative audience.

CORDEIRO CUP WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Grey's "B" Win Due To Penalty Bully

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Grey's "B" are virtually winners of the Junior division of the Cordeiro Cup Women's Hockey Tournament by beating Bombay City "B" by a solitary goal scored in the last ten minutes of play of a penalty bully.

After a hectic struggle of 40 minutes in which the Grey's attack had numerous scoring chances and were hard pressing the City defence, which worked well. Miss Fisher and B. Kellet were outstanding and kept the attackers at bay.

Grey's "B" had a stout defence in which Mrs. Lorna Reed was a mountain strength and gave the attacking forwards Miss Darukhanawalaa, Miss Audrey Rodrigues and Miss Lilian Black absolutely no chance to enter the goal area. Miss Lilian Cooke in the Grey's goal had hardly any saving to do.

Grey's "B" scored their all important goal off a penalty bully awarded against the City when off a penalty corner hit, one of the defenders attempted to save the ball which was travelling into goal and was pulled up for sticks. Umpire Felix Fernandes awarded a penalty bully rightly and Miss Yvonne Carvalho and Miss Betty Kellet took the bully. Miss Carvalho of Grey's beat Miss Kellet at the bully and Miss Kellet tried to save by putting her legs to the ball. The referee awarded a goal.

HOLIDAY TABLE TENNIS

Matheran Parsi Gymkhana Open T. T. Tournament

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Holiday-makers at Matheran can look forward to some really enjoyable sport and competition at the well-known hill side resort.

The J. A. S. Matheran Parsi Gymkhana are making every effort to secure some well-known Table Tennis exponents from Bombay and they expect a record number of entries this year. The tournament commences on the 14th of May 1949.

The following items have been included:—Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and for Juniors:—Boy's Singles and Girl's Singles for children upto the age of 14 only. The last date for receiving entries is Friday, 12th May 6 p.m. and all entries must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary J. A. S. Matheran P. Gymkhana. The entrance fee for all events is Rs. 2 per player or Rs. 4 per pair. For Juniors events it is Re. 1 per player. A capitation fee of As. 8 will be charged.

KILLEDAR WOMEN'S HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Entries Invited

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Killedar Cup Women's Hockey Tournament which is the last but one, tournament for women this season and is run on a knock out basis will be played at the Association Ground from 2nd May onwards.

Entries for the tournament should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary B.P.H.A. Ltd. Association Ground, before the 30th May, 1949. All matches in this tournament will commence at 5-45 p.m. sharp.

In the Day's Sport

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

HOCKEY

Association Ground

4-30 p.m. St. Stanislaus vs. Dufferin
5-40 p.m. Grey's "C" vs. St. Xavier's. (Cordeiro-Women's Cup)

FOOTBALL

Cooperage

5-40 p.m. Indian Gymkhana vs. Burmah Shell (Nadkarni)

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel.

4-45 p.m. A.S.I. XI vs Reserve Bank
5-45 p.m. Elphinstone Mills vs. Rainbow S. C.

(Harwood League III Div.)

NADKARNI CUP FOOTBALL

General Motors And Globe Sports Enter Quarter Finals

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

General Motors Sports Club entered the quarter finals of the Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament by virtue of their odd goal in three win over Rashid Sports Club. Rashid Sports known for their surprises, disappointed this evening and they never seemed to impress at any stage of the game.

Sunder, General Motors deep defender was the outstanding player on the field. He held the fort time and again and besides he was instrumental in making his forwards move faster. He also scored his sides opening goal midway through the second period.

Ariknathan, Rashid Sports Custodian had a difficult time under the bar, but he gave a good account of himself, except for some minor misjudgments which cost his side the match.

The first half was blank, in which the Motormen were masters of the situation, but the forwards failed to make capital of the numerous openings provided for them by the centre half and by the first time clearances of deep defender Sunder.

It was only midway through the second period that Sunder opened his sides account with a brilliant free kick from 30 yards off the goal mouth Ariknathan misjudged the ball rushing out a second too early, the ball passed over him into goal. Then a few minutes later Fernandes, the left outer made a dash on the wing and eluded the entire defence with some brilliant dribbling. He entered the penalty area and shot from a difficult angle to beat Ariknathan easily.

Yesoo, Rashid Sports centre half played a lone hand in his sides attack today. He scored the only goal his side managed to get a little before the final whistle off a flag kick which he headed in goal.

General Motors now enter the quarter finals where they meet Dockyard.

Earlier, in the same tournament Globe Sports Club trounced "Times of India" Sports Club to the tune of five goals to one. Globe Sports were too good for the Pressmen, who were all at sea.

Bashir was outstanding in Globe S C. attack and got two quick goals in the opening period of play. Krishnan of "Times" reduced the margin towards the end of the first half off a free kick, but Janki put Globe S.C. further ahead by scoring the third goal before the interval and on resumption he added another two goals which gave him his hat-trick.

Globe S. C. now meet Bombay Amateurs in the quarter finals.

CADDIE CHARGES GO HIGH

Golfers Begin To Carry Own Bag Of Goods

LONDON, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): One player in a recent first class tournament was brave enough to carry his own bag of goods. He was not afraid to admit that he could not afford the one pound sterling a day which caddies were demanding. That is only one of the items in golf that has grown alarmingly since the war and which makes the game an expense to all but the few who can afford to play regularly. One pound a day is a big slice out of the moderate winnings of professionals, who in a tournament, do not occupy one of the leading places. In the main, however, they cannot afford to employ a caddie but the average amateur who carries his own clubs for friendly rounds, and even minor tournaments, is nowadays the rule rather than the exception.

That is one reason why many players would like to see the number of clubs carried limited to seven, or perhaps nine at the most, instead of the 14 as at present. At the same time players have voluntarily restricted their golfing armoury because of the weight in carrying round a bag with the allowed maximum of 14. Something is certainly necessary to cut the present-day costs and Henry Cotton is among those who think expense is a reason for keeping many promising youngsters from pursuing their capabilities in the game. Supporters of the move to restrict the number of clubs argue that an improved standard of play would follow because players would have to learn more shots instead of letting the old do the work through the medium of the various lofts which exist in the graded sets of clubs.

With these the golfer simply tried the same shot, with the same power, with any of perhaps half a dozen clubs and the degree of loft does the rest, so far as attaining the required distance is concerned To do the other extreme it can be recalled that Miss Gloria Minoprio, before the war, actually used only one club. She played in championships with this and it was surprising how well she controlled the ball and, it must be admitted, revealed a deal of skill by getting different shots from that one straight faced iron, even if she did not win any major honours. Her case was exceptional but it does, in a way serve to prove that there is real need for the huge bags and numerous clubs, really introduced by Americans to Britain, and which were more numerous before the present day restrictions came into force.

Keen Contest For County Cricket Honours Expected

Lancashire Have Best Chance To Oust Glamorgan

LONDON, April 26 (P.T.I.-Reuter): This season's county cricket championship is expected to provide the keenest struggle since the war. Competition should be the more fierce, if only because test calls on the counties will be lighter than usual.

New Zealand, who provide the opposition, have been granted only four three-day tests. So apart from these twelve days and the one trial match, the counties will be at full fighting strength for the majority of championship matches. Who will come out on top? Several counties are being freely tipped for the honour. Down in Wales there is quiet confidence that Glamourgan can repeat their dramatic victory of last season. All their 1948 players will again be available including all-rounders, Alan Watkins, who should prove invaluable after the experience gained on the recent tour of South Africa, where he was one of "the finds" of the trip.

But the Welshmen can expect strong opposition. Leading the challenge in the south will be Surrey, surprise runner-up last year, and Middle-sex; up in the north Lancashire, with their all-round brilliance, and Yorkshire are expected to be among the top teams of the season, while Warwickshire appear to be the best bet of the Midlands. Warwickshire certainly have an excellent chance of maintaining the improvement shown in 1948 when they finished seventh. Of these counties, consistent Lancashire look to have the best chance of ousting Glamorgan. Lancashire last won the county championship in 1934, but only lack of sufficient enterprise prevented them from carrying off top honours in each of the last two seasons, during which time the lost only two championship matches.

If Lancashire possessed a fast bowler to back up Dick Pollard, then they would start hot favourities this time. The majority of teams report their dependence on established players. They have no alternative. The need for more and more youngsters to fill the ever-widening gap being left by the departure of old players has become the vital concern of the clubs. Unfortunately for them their development schemes and programmes are constantly being interrupted through young players being called up for service in the forces just at a crucial stage of their coaching.

The season should again bring a healthy financial reward to most counties even though crowds may not equal those attracted by the Australians. The clubs fully realise the importance of fostering this interest, so bright cricket should result.

Seven cricketers are due to receive benefits this season. They are Danis Compton (Middlesex), Howorth (Worcestershire), Hazell (Somerset), Dollery (Warwickshire), Polland (Lancashire), Watts (Surrey) and Harris (Notts). If the weather is kind, then these players can expect something like £50,000 between them. Compton's share is expected to be around £20,000, which would constitute an all-time record.

One Minute Soccer Before Empty Stands!

COIMBRA, Portugal, (UPA).—A one-minute football game was played here recently before empty stands, and one goal was scored in the brief encounter. The full result of the match, however, was a two-two draw.

Here is the explanation:

The match between the junior teams of the Union and the Academica clubs stood at two-one to the advantage of Academica when the referee blew the whistle to terminate the game. Protests were lodged that the official had ended the match one minute too soon.

After investigations, the Sports Department ordered that the one minute of lost time should be played out in a closed ground without spectators. In a terrific rush straight from the kick-off, the Union club scored the equalizing goal.

ZALE RETIRES FROM RING

Decision Prompted By Family Interests

CHICAGO, April 26 (PTI-Reuter).—Tony Zale, former world middleweight boxing champion, announced today his voluntary retirement from the ring.

The retirement of Zale, a veteran of 15 years in boxing, will cause the cancellation of his return fight with the new world middleweight champion Marcel Cerdan, of France, who took the title from him.

This bout was arranged for the polo grounds, New York, on June 21.

Zale, who will be 36 next month, was champion from 1942 to 1948 with the exception of a brief period in 1947 when he lost the Crown to Rocky Graziano. He has been boxing since 1934 except for four years of wartime service in the Navy.

He is now chief boxing instructor for the Catholic Youth Organization in Chicago.

"This was a difficult decision for me to make", Zale said.

"The protection of my own health and the interests in my family prompted me to decide upon retirement."

Zale is married and has two daughters.

MATTHAI MEETS MERCHANTS

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, Government of India, was the guest of honour at a reception held by the Indian Merchants' Chamber on Tuesday evening. Photo shows Dr. J. Matthai second from left. To his right is Mr. Bhawanji A. Khimji, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber.

W. I. BILLIARDS

A. C. Santook Wins Easily

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Western India Billiards championships matches were continued this evening at the Islam Gymkhana and A. C. Santook beat M. A. Nathani by 440 to 410 points.

Santook made valuable breaks of 45 and 30; while Nathani only put in one good run with a break of 33. Santook took things lightly and won easily.

Mafatlal Bath Aquatics

The fourth annual Aquatic Sports and Swimming Gala of the Pransukhlal Mafatlal Hindu Swimming Bath and Boat Club Trust will be held on Saturday the 30th April, 1949 at 5-30 p.m. and the admission will be by tickets, of Rs. 2-10. Rs. 1-5 and As. 10-6

Plans for advance booking is open at the Bath premises from 8 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Parel Football

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following are the results of the third division matches of the Harwood League played at Parel this evening.

Khatau S. C. 4 (Govindraj 2, D'Souza and Shinde) R.I.A.S.C. 1 (Rajan); May and Baker S. C. 5 (F. F. D'Souza 2, Hector 2 and Vasoo), Young Challengers B 1 (Balraj); Young Challengers 'A' 2 (Gopal Krishna and Shivraman), Pdr. Angelo S. C. 1 (Antoo).

MINOR AMENDMENTS TO OLYMPIC RULES

Committee's Meeting In Rome

ROME, April 26 (PTI-Reuter).—The International Olympic Committee today completed a number of minor amendments to Olympic rules at their Congress here but amateur status as already laid down stands untouched.

Regarding the winter Olympic Games it was agreed that the list of events should consist of skiing skating, ice hockey, bobleight, skeleton curling and an orientation event.

The last named event is a new addition proposed by the Scandinavian countries.

It consists of a number of points marked on a map which competitors must find and reach before returning to the starting post by the best possible route. Scoring will be on the time taken.

The Organising Committee at Oslo, where the next winter games are to be held, will decide which of the winter sports will be included in the 1952 Winter Olympiad.

The decision on the site for the 1956 Olympic Games and Winter Olympiad will be made on Friday, when the International Olympic Committee cast their votes in a secret ballot.

It is expected that the venue for the games will rest between Melbourne in Australia and Detroit in the United States.

Members of the International committee today called on the Italian President, Iuigi Einaudi, and tomorrow morning they will be received in audience by the Pope.

POST OFFICE MISTAKE COSTS £ 26,750

Correct Football Forecast Not Delivered

WEST BRIDGEORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, (P.T.I.-Reuter).— The Nottinghamshire Post Office has apologised to Mr. Lucian de Pontino here for a mistake which lost him over £ 26,000 sterling.

Mr. de Pontino had a correct forecast in a football pools competition. Nearly delirious with joy he waited for the firm to send his winning cheque for £ 26,750 sterling. Instead he received a letter saying his forecast had not been received.

The Post Office discovered his entry later caught in the folds of a parcel.

The official apology read "We trust you will have no cause for future complaint."

Open Contract Bridge Tournament

THE INDIAN GYMKHANA (MATUNGA): Will conduct a Contract Bridge Tournament, open to all Players in Bombay Province, from May 5. Entries addressed to the Secretary, should be sent so as to reach not later than **Sunday, May 1.**

HOUSE COLLAPSE IN CAIRO

Seven People Killed: 23 Buried Under Debris

CAIRO, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Seven people were killed and 23 buried in debris when a five-storey block of flats in the old city of Cairo collapsed late last night. The dead include three children of an Indian tailor, Murre el Din.

Firemen were digging throughout the night in an attempt to reach the 23 reported missing.

The Fire Brigade Commandant said it would take his men two days to move the tons of masonry, bricks and twisted girders.

There were 93 people in the building when it fell with a roar of thunder and a blinding swirl of dust. Sixty-three escaped.

No Reconsideration Of Lorenzo Gamboa Case

CANBERRA, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Mr. Edward John Halloway, Acting Australian Prime Minister, said today that a report in the "Manila Times" that Australia would reconsider the Lorenzo Gamboa case "is not supported by any information in the Federal Government's possession."

Sergeant Gamboa, a Philipino-born American sailor, now in Tokyo, has been refused permission to visit his Australian wife and three children in Australia.

The Australian Prime Minister Mr. Joseph Chifley, before leaving for Britain on April 15, said there would be no review of Gamboa's application to enter Australia and that the decision to debar him still stood.

TARA SINGH TO BE TAKEN TO HILL STATION

Press Reports Denied

NEW DELHI, April 27, (API).—Master Tara Singh, Akali leader, who was arrested in February last, will soon be removed to a hill station, according to a communique issued by the Home Ministry today.

The communique described as "without foundation" reports that Master Tara Singh was not being well treated in prison and that his health had suffered as a consequence.

The communique said "Master Tara Singh's health has continued to be good. He is treated in accordance with the State prisoners rules which contain special provisions regarding diet, visitors and correspondence. In View of the heat he has been allowed to sleep in the open, but Government have decided to remove him to a hill station. Arrangements for this are being made immediately."

GRIM MIDNIGHT DUEL IN SEHORE

Panther Attacks Watchman

BHOPAL, April 27. (API)—The precincts of the Sehore Electric Supply Company in the heart of Sehore City (about 23 miles from Bhopal) was the scene recently of a grim thirty-minutes midnight duel between a lame watchman and a lame panther.

The panther—one of whose legs had been damaged presumably by an amateur Shikari—limped inside the gate of the power house and attacked the watchman from behind. Taken completely unawares, the latter, it is reported, thrust his left hand into the animal's open jaws and with the other hand began wielding a lathi.

The growls of the enraged animal and the cries of the watchman attracted two passers-by and the panther soon fell dead under a shower of lathi blows. The badly mauled watchman is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Ban On Meeting In Madras Extended

MADRAS, April 27. (API)—The Commissioner of Police, Madras, today issued an order extending the ban on meetings and processions in Madras city without a licence, for a further period of two Months upto June 30.

The order, was first issued last year during labour unrest in the city.

Election Meeting Arrests

Reports in a section of the Press about the recent arrests at election meetings in Bombay gave a twist to facts and made it appear that the persons were arrested for putting questions to Minister. Nothing can be farther from truth. On two occasions, some arrests were made on definite infomation that particular persons had come to the meetings to create trouble and that too, after they had started doing so.

NO CHANGES IN SHOPS ACT

But Concession To Certain Classes Of Business: Nanda's Reply

AHMEDABAD, April 27 (API)—Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, Bombay, told the representatives of trade associations and Mahajans here today that no changes would be made in the "Bombay Shops and Establishments Act" but concessions would be given to certain classes of business, trades and professions. The factories act' would be applied to those small factories which wanted to work at night. Owners of shops and establishments and managers would be exempted from certain sections of the Act.

COMPULSORY SOCIAL SERVICE BY STUDENTS

Bombay Government Appoints Committee

In pursuance of a resolution passed by the Bombay Legislative Assembly in October last, the Government of Bombay has appointed a committee, of both officials and non-officials, to investigate into the question of compulsory social service by students of Secondary schools and colleges during the course of their education or during two years of its completion as an essential part of their education.

The personnel of the Committee is Miss Indumati Sheth, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, (Chairman), Mr. Ramkrishna Bajaj, Acharya Bhagwat, Prof. Choksi, Mr. Jugatram Dave, Mr. F. D. Ghodke, M.L.C., Mr. R. S. Hukkerikar, MLA., Dr. Miss Jhirad, Dr. J.M. Kumarappa, Mr. Kalyanji V. Mehta, Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, MLA., Dr. M. N. Natu,, MLA., Mrs. Manik Patwardhan, Mr. K. G. Saiyidain, Educational Adviser to Government, Mrs. Kulsum Sayani, Principal N. M. Shah and Mr. L. M. Shrikant, MLA., (Members).

A representative of the Poona University will be nominated on the Committee later.

Dr. B.B. Samant, Education Officer under the Educational Adviser, will act as Secretary to the Committee.

The terms of reference of the Committee, which will work in consultation with the Commitee appointed by the Bombay University to report on the question of desirability of requiring the medical students to work for a specific period, after passing the final examination and prior to receiving a degree, in rural areas as inturday 23rd April. In support of social service; (b) the stages at which it may be rendered; (c) the various methods and categories of social service; (d) the scales of honorarium or remuneration, if any, which may be paid; (e) exemption of any class of students, and (f) the organization, ways and means for administering the scheme.

The Committee will submit its report to the Government in six months time.

LABORATORIES OF SWARAJ

Mavlankar On Importance Of Local Bodies

AHMEDABAD, April 27 (API)—The foundation of the work of swaraj which meant service of the people, was really laid in the Municipalities, said Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Indian Dominion Parliament speaking at a party organised to felicitate the new President of the Ahmedabad Municipality, Mr. Chinubhai Chimanlal Shah, here today.

Mr. Mavlankar said "local bodies are the laboratories of swaraj. We carried on the swaraj struggle in the Ahmedabad Municipality which was superseded several times.

I wished to remain in the Municipality but Sardar Patel wanted me to be in the Central Assembly. My heart is still in the Ahmedabad Municipality as the foundation of the work of swaraj is really laid in the Municipalities."

Mr. Mavlankar appealed to those at the helm of affairs to cultivate the spirit of comradeship with the services "who cannot be inspired to work unless their hearts are captured."

Payment Of Rent Of Requisitioned Houses

Complaints are being received in the office of the Controller of Accommodation from both landlords and allottees regarding rental and compensation for the houses requisitioned by the Government of Bombay. The appointment of a Compensation Officer contemplated in Section 8 of the Bombay Land Requisition Act, 1948, to dispose of such complaints is under active consideration of the Government and will be notified in the Press as soon as it is made. Meanwhile, there is no need to postpone or delay the payment of usual standard rent on a provisional basis, subject to adjustment by the Compensation Officer.

Prohibitive Order On New Age Printing Press

The Government of Bombay has served an order, under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947, on Mr. J. S. Bhatt, keeper of the New Age Printing Press, Khetwadi Main Road, Bombay, prohibiting him from printing at the Press any matter whatsoever till July 5, 1949. The action was taken in the interest of public order and tranquility.

The Bombay Chronicle

All faults, the moralists tell us, are properly shortcomings; crimes themselves are nothing other than a not doing enough; a fighting, but with defective vigour. —CARLYLE.

INDIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH

The three-point formula which has emerged from the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference, will baffle many. It is vague and somewhat tortuous. In this it is in line with British tradition. The three main features of the declaration which embodies the formula, are that India's decision to be a sovereign, independent, republic is recorded and her desire to continue as a member of the Commonwealth on an equal basis; that Commonwealth nations other than India will reaffirm their allegiance to the Crown; and that they will at the same time accept India as a full and equal member. So far this is clarity personified. But what is meant by "India will regard the King as the symbol of association in the Commonwealth" which is in the declaration too? Not only India but all countries, in or outside the Commonwealth, regard the British King as the "symbol of association". In present times, there is little else that he is. Why should India make a statement of this kind that is utterly meaningless and supremely silly? What is intended evidently is that India accepts the British King as the "Symbol of association" in the Commonwealth. There is a world of difference between "regard" and "accept", and there is no reason for confusing matters now, by using the first when it is the second that is intended. Nor are we quite clear what is meant by "symbol of association" and how far acceptance of it involves the country. Analysed logically, it should mean that the British Crown will only come into play, so far as India is concerned, in matters affecting the Commonwealth and Commonwealth relations. In foreign affairs—where the other nation is a non-Commonwealth power—the Crown does not enter; and internally it is eliminated. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred, before he left India to attend the Conference, to the purely nominal sanction that the King was supposed to give for the Governor-General's nomination and the appointment of Ambassadors. This, we may take it, will not be necessary under the new adjustment. On the other hand, an anomaly which has been frequently commented on by constitutional experts—that of the British King as constitutional King of, say, Canada sanctioning on the advice of his Canadian Minister something which goes against his subjects in Britain—is eliminated so far as India is affected and those Commonwealth units which follow her in the republican path. There are, of course, many permutations and combinations which can be brought out to present fresh complexities in the new scheme but luckily in constitutional affairs truth is not as ingenious as speculation. The formula has been accepted unanimously by the Prime Ministers who have been in touch with their respective Governments and it will very probably work satisfactorily. And that, after all, is the main thing. Since the Commonwealth nations are the only ones concerned in this business, there are not likely to be any awkward questionings.

Apart from the formula itself, the London Conference must be regarded in all Commonwealth quarters with immense satisfaction. For it symbolises as nothing else could the Commonwealth will to be together and keep together. But for the fact that none of the units really desired to sever the links, there would have been trouble long ago. On all sides there has been a spirit of accommodation. Credit for the entire approach must go primarily to Britain which had to bring round the more racial members of the "White" Dominions and to exercise the utmost restraint in its homeland during the anxious months of suspense. Any attempt at coercion or pressure would have shot India out of the Commonwealth. In fact, the element of humouring the other side is evident even in the formula itself but now that India's point has been greatly conceded it can be appreciated as tolerance. So far as the Indian attitude is concerned, the Commonwealth has little reason to complain. It has been the most reasonable attitude possible in the circumstances and it says a lot that the Government has been able to carry the nation with it. Emotionally it was difficult to espouse full acceptance of the British Crown after the whole trend of political agitation for nearly three decades. On the other hand, it was not a feasible proposition to take India out of the British system. Since nations cannot stand alone, India had to choose her colleagues and it was natural that she should prefer to stay amongst those with whom she has been associated so long. Moreover, a feature which is far more important than critics generally hold it to be, is the future possibilities of the Commonwealth. The potentialities for good and for co-operative work of the Commonwealth are great. These can be developed only by the members themselves not by nations outside the system for obvious reasons. So long as she is in the Commonwealth, India adds to the progressive elements there and on occasion may lead them. In the last analysis, this is a deciding consideration for Indians. Without it, much might be said in favour of India being in association with the Commonwealth without accepting the status of a member—more actually than for the present rather absurd formula. But that consideration cannot be ignored and it is decisive. Moreover, since the formula defines nothing but merely states in general terms the attitudes of different units of the Commonwealth, it leaves ample room for the developing concept without tying it down to the present times.

For India, there is no use denying the fact that the outcome of the Conference is the best that could be expected. It is not, of course, a scheme by which India can be in the Commonwealth when she likes and can stand aloof when she does not but it comes as near it as can be rationally hoped for. As the habit of consultation and common action develops, it will be clearly necessary to give up the present freedom in foreign policy which places Commonwealth units at different, even opposite, points of an argument. It will naturally restrict India's neutrality between different powers but without it India cannot expect to have the Commonwealth grow into a force against racialism and colonialism. The Commonwealth has survived a crisis and it will now grow in strength as a result of that survival. The associations that have been affirmed and reaffirmed in London today, will bring the units closer together. There can be no doubt that for India the hour of separation has been passed by. There seems to have been some realisation among other Dominion leaders that this step, the first of India's by way of retracing as it were, would be the most difficult. India might have declared itself bound for the status of a republic but she has come out of the London deliberations as a Commonwealth nation. Commenting on the October Conference of Dominion Prime Ministers, we had pointed out that before the Indian Constituent Assembly was asked to decide on India's future, it was desirable that the Commonwealth Premiers Conference declared its own stand on what membership of the Commonwealth required. This has now been done and India has been told that she can be a republic without injury to her place in the Commonwealth. The Constituent Assembly will now be in a position to take a decision on this important point and there is no difficulty in predicting that it will be a vote for the Commonwealth.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

COLOMBO: The Department of Land Development sent the following telegram to a dismissed employee on an Irrigation Project in the Eastern part of Ceylon:

"Your telegram to Ministry. Regreat unable to authorise suicide or grant interview."

The telegram, quoted in the Ceylon Daily News, was despatched after the employee had threatened to commit suicide if he was not reinstated in his job. (PTI-Reuter).

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A veteran Congress leader of Ahmedabad says that Congress politics may take an ugly turn with Maharashtra Congress leaders carrying on a separate Maharashtra agitation at "break-neck" speed.

It's all a question of whose neck. Why should we bother?

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According to a London report, Pakistan was said to have declared herself ready to be a whole-hearted member of the Commonwealth provided half-hearted members were excluded.

We could have expected nothing less from Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

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Regarding reports suggesting the possibility of the Indo-South African dispute being postponed again, PTI's U. N. correspondent says that certain delegations did sound the Indian delegation on the desirability of a postponement but Indian delegates are totally opposed to such an idea.

The point is: what are those most interesting certain delegations?

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Reporting the meeting between M. Malik the USSR. U.N. delegate and Dr. Jessup, his U.S. opposite number, Moscow has announced that the Soviet Union is ready to lift the Berlin "blockade" if the three Western Powers fix a date for the Big Four Foreign Ministers to discuss Germany and simultaneously lift their own traffic restrictions on the Soviet zone.

We reserve judgment until we hear the Washington version of it.

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Speaking in the Commons on the "Amethyst" incident, Mr. Churchill cried: "we have suffered very serious injury and our prestige has been affected."

Yes that's the bug that has been biting Mr. Churchill, mind and soul, for the last sixty years.

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The "Daily Express" of London demands, apropos of the "Amethyst" incident, "what retribution do; we propose to exact from the Chinese murders of our brave sailors?"

Lord Beaverbrook should at once declare war on the Chinese Communists.

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WASHINGTON report: Chinese Communists soldiers invaded U. S. Ambassador, J. Leighton Stuart's sleeping quarters early Monday at Nanking and inspected bedrooms. They departed without removing anything.

But did they look under the beds for it?

INDIA MUST DECLARE FOR WORLD PEACE

Kamaladevi On Need Of Clear-Cut Foreign Policy

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The suggestion that India must unequivocally declare foreign policy as one of world peace and that she must sponsor a bloc of other countries in Asia, for this purpose, was made my Shrimati Kamaladevi, this evening at meeting of the Progressive Group.

Mr. S. K. Karanjia presided.

The present policy which was of friendliness to all nations, and keeping away from power blocs, could not be called as foreign policy at all, she said. This could only be a laudable objective.

Since it was unthinkable for India to align herself either with the Anglo-American bloc, which stood for "antiquated capitalism", or with the Soviet bloc, which meant Soviet expansionism under the dictatorship of a small group, it became inevitable that India should sponser a third bloc, whose objective would be world peace, and the ending of racialism and colonialism.

So long as a single nation in the world remained dependent, the freedom of other nations was threatened. If, India took a bold lead in the matter, the speaker was sure that most countries of Asia would rally to the call.

She felt that for a number of reasons India could do this. She had excellent and tried political leadership; strategically, numerically and in natural potential, she was a factor to be reckoned with; and but recently she had wrested her freedom adopting unique means. India, who had successfully fought the mightiest power known to history, without recourse to violence, could tackle this problem however big it was. If Gandhiji were alive today, he would have given such a lead.

LINE BEFORE INDIA

Shrimati Kamaladevi felt that a third global war which appeared inevitable might also usher world peace—but such a peace was likely to be under the dictatorship of a victorious power. To avert such a catastrophe, India could start by organising a bloc of Asiatic nations, whose object would be peace, freedom, and freedom from exploitation.

But, India had to start on this big plan, by first converting her own way of life to that of socialist democracy. During the days when the country fought for freedom, the struggle meant something to every single citizen. If a socialist democracy, were first established here, not only would it arouse the enthusiasm of the people, but neighbouring countries would have something to emulate.

The speaker expressed her doubt about the usefulness of continuing in association with the Commonwealth, so long as the old "dirty" policies of British officials continued in Asia and Africa.

CALCUTTA, April 27. (API)—Six French engineers arrived in Calcutta today to investigate the scheme for an underground electric railway system for the city, provisionally estimated to cost Rs. 33 crores. The engineers are headed by MGHS Vrolix, Managing Director of the Paris Metropolitan Company.

ECHO OF BATTLE OF PLASSEY

CALCUTTA, April 27. (API)—The Government of India have ordered the removal of three plaques on the Victory Memorial at Plassey, about 100 miles north of Calcutta.

The memorial commemorates the British victory in the battle of Plassey 200 years ago, in which Robert Clive commanded the British forces.

The inscriptions on the plaques which were considered "offensive to Indian sentiment" will be deposited at the Victoria Memorial in Calcutta.

INDIA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM

Plea To Congress President To Accept "Jana Gana Mana"

MADRAS, April 27. (UPI)—Pandit Subba Sastri and K. Seshachar of Kurnool saw Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, who is now here, and made a representation that 'Jana Gana Mana' be adopted as the national anthem.

They said that 'Jana Gana Mana' was more suited than 'Vande Mataram' in as much as the former incorporated in it the physical and cultural features of India. Besides, its tune was easy of being adapted to chorus singing.

The Congress President told the deputationists that representations both in favour of and against 'Jana Gana Mana' and 'Vande Mataram' were being received by the A.I.C.C. and the Constituent Assembly was now considering the question. The President said that all the aspects of the question would be considered before a final selection of the national anthem was made.

Bao Dai In Singapore

SINGAPORE, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, arrived here by air today on his way to Saigon to head the new Vietnam Republic in French Indo-China.

Police guarded the airport when he landed and his visit was veiled in secrecy.

He will leave Singapore for Saigon in a warship flying Vietnamese colours with a Vietnam delegation already here.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

The Yangtse Incident

It is rather lucky that Mr. Winston Churchill is not in office. Or may be if he were in office and, therefore, not tempted to put the Government in the wrong, he would behave in a more responsible manner. Which, of course, he did not do while discussing the incident on the Yangtse involving the British sloop "Amethyst" resulting in damage to the boat and tragic loss of innocent lives. It can be argued that the Communists were to blame for what happened. It was a most regrettable tragedy but statesmanship lies in seeing that it does not develop into a grave international incident. Mr. Churchill, in a lesser degree, and shrieking Tory journals like Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express" in a greater degree, are actually provoking it. Suppose aircraft carriers are sent to or kept in the Far East, what effective results can they produce unless a whole lot of them are concentrated there? That would be both impracticable and foolish. The path of wisdom lies in negotiating a peaceful and satisfactory settlement of the situation which, as Mr. Attlee put it, is still "fluid". And, incidentally, it should not be forgotten that from one very reasonable and unquestionable point of view, foreign warships have no business "navigating" and patrolling the Yangtse.

An Interesting Question

Here is an interesting piece of news from the U. N. Headquarters:

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, leader of the Indian delegation, estimated today that the total annual deficit to the U. N. if it administered the former Italian colonies directly would be about 5,500,000 dollars. He was replying to U. S. criticism in the Political Committee of the U. N., which resumed discussion on the disposition of the colonies that, if direct U. N trusteeship was approved, it would cost the organisation about 40,000,000 dollars annually.

Five and a half million dollars annually, if Mr. Setalvad's estimate is correct, it is by no means a big piece to pay towards discharging a sacred obligation which the U. N. owes to those unfortunate peoples of the colonies and to the United Nations Charter. But if the U. S. estimate which is almost eight times higher is correct, it is apparent that, according to the U. S., while the 56 Big and small powers cannot afford to and should not, jointly pay the cost of U. N. trusteeship, some two or three Big Powers and Italy are only too willing to take on themselves the heavy financial responsibility of administering the colonies—for the good of the peoples of those colonies! Why this staggeringly self-sacrificing altruism?

Zamindari Abolition Bills

The principle of abolishing Zamindaris is easily accepted, but to give speedy effect to it is not so easy when fair compensation is to be given to the Zamindaris. The Madras Bill to abolish Zamindaris had an easy passage through the legislatures last year and has since received the Governor-General's assent. But the question of cost has yet to be finally settled. The Bill enables the Government to pay the estimated compensation of Rs. 12½ crores in stages in accordance with rules made by it. But the Governor-General's assent is subject to the condition that the Government of India should be consulted before the rules are finalised. The Bihar Bill is a far more formidable affairs, for the compensation to zamindars is estimated at Rs. 150 crores. As the press note issued in this behalf by the Government of India points out, such a huge financial transaction is not within the means of the Bihar Government. So the Bill had to be returned by the Governor-General with a message asking for its reconsideration by the Provincial Legislature on certain lines. The Bill will be a great measure of reform even if it is revised on the lines suggested.

Financial Stringency

The economic conditions created by the war continue to be unsatisfactory in India and in some respects are aggravated by the consequences of partition. Businessmen are not happy about the heavy tax burdens they have yet to bear. The dissatisfaction among them found frank expressure in the speech made by Mr Bhawanji Khimji, President of the Indian Merchant's Chamber, when Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, met the Chamber's Committee on Tuesday. Mr. Bhawanji particularly stressed the "low tempo of business and industrial activity" in the country and the stringent conditions in the money market. But the inadequate industrial activity is largely due to businessmen's groundless fears about Government's policy regarding control and future nationalisation of key industries and labour welfare. Government has repeatedly made it clear that its nationalisation schemes will always leave ample scope for private enterprise and that its programmes of labour welfare will be so planned as to ensure the willing co-operation of the employers and increased production. As regards the tightness of the money market, Dr. Matthai felt tehat the tightness was in no small measure due to a good part of the businessmen's resources being locked up in building up large stocks. Imported goods, too, he said, could not move quickly and thus large monetary resources had been naturally locked up. But the accumulation of huge stocks of textile goods is due to some extent to inadequate transport facilities and the working of the cloth control policy. Government should be able to give some relief in this matter.

Tax Structure

Mr. Bhawanji also suggested that our taxation structure, which had so long a "haphazard growth", should be revised in the light of present conditions and that Central and Provincial taxation should be duly co-ordinated. It should be obvious that increased defence expenditure so necessary to safeguard our independence, the huge cost of free and compulsory primary education, the loss of revenue from salt and liquor and the colossal schemes of development have created financial problems which demand an overwhelming of our tax structure and other sources of revenue. But as Dr. Matthai pointed out, this can be more appropriately done after the national income of the country is thoroughly examined. So a Committee is to be soon appointed to examine this question and suggest ways and means to raise the national income. Meanwhile, Dr. Matthai has given an assurance that a certain amount of Central control would be exercised over provincial taxation so as to minimise chances of double taxation. As the taxable capacity in the country is on the whole very low, the possibilities of economy in every State department should be thoroughly explored. In any case, all concerned should co-operate in increasing the wealth of the country so that it will be easier for the public to bear the necessary tax burdens.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

The National Anthem

Sir,—I was one among the many who flocked to the Sunderbai Hall last Wednesday (the 20th inst.) to pay our homage to the memory of Srimati Sarojini Naidu. Whereas the tone and the manner of conducting the meeting left nothing to be desired as far as solemnity and reverence are concerned, the beginning and the end were marred by what we were told was the 'singing' of the 'National Anthem'. It is high time that we as a free nation realised the significance of the words--National Anthem. If at a meeting held to mourn the death of a beloved leader, convened by the Sheriff and presided over by the Governor of the Province, we cannot find anyone better suited to 'sing' the National Anthem than three school-girls with no knowledge of tune and less of diction, then we are poor indeed. It is high time our public men and organisers of meetings realised that a National Anthem need not necessarily be sung. And if it has to be sung, it should be sung by someone who has at least a pleasant if not a trained voice for singing. Or do they think it is just a minor detail.

Yours etc.
'ENRAGED'

Bombay-Goa Road

Sir,—"Very recently I travelled by bus between Bombay and Mahad and to my utter dismay I found this Road absolutely unfit for human transport. This road is called the trunk road linking Bombay with Goa and the way in which it is maintained will make anyone put down his head in shame. The road has become rugged for miles on with pitfalls and boulders strewn all over and if ever the buses plying on the road safely reach their destination the honour goes not to the authorities who look after this road but to the alert driver who steers his vehicle with a sense of duty and responsibility. I boarded the bus at 3 p.m. only to reach Bombay at 12 midnight thus requiring 9 hours to reach a journey of 110 miles.

I understand that such delays are of daily occurence now-a-days as many a bus gets stuck up on the road owing to some part or the other getting damaged on account of the rough nature of the road, and the vehicle has to be repaired before it proceeds on its journey. You can just imagine the plight of the passengers who include ladies, children and old and infirm persons some of whom have actually left their homes as early as 8 a.m. to catch this bus to take them to Bombay.

If the Minister for Local Self Government has no time to travel all the distance on this road let him at least take a trip as far as Pen and he will come to know the justness of this complaint.

Yours etc.
M. V. TRAILOKYA.

Inconsistent

Sir,—May I request the hospitality of your Columnes to ask publicly the Milk Commissioner to the Government of Bombay as to why he should permit the sale of hot milk in shops for the consumption of adults when the price of milk in Bombay is higher than in any other big city in the world and when our Government forces the restaurant keepers to use imported skimmed milk powder in tea on account of the alleged scarcity of milk?

It is a pity that our children are starved of milk because of its exorbitant price which even the middle classes cannot afford, while hot milk shops have grown up like mushrooms all over the city where you find adults "enjoying" their hot milk glass to the tunes of blaring radios and gramophones right up to midnight!

What is the use of our Government wasting good public money on posters and cinema slides with children asking pa and ma not to consume their quota of milk, when on the other hand our authorities freely permit the sale of hot milk to burly adults, who can really do without it? Let our authorities be consistent in their policy and not make fools of themselves as well as of the public by such stupidities as I have pointed out above.

Yours etc.
J. S. PATEL.

Inflation

Sir,—The following figures from the 31-12-1948 Annual Report of The Western India Match Co. Ltd. tell their own tale:—

Rs. 10.26 Crores, gross sales of matches

Rs. 4.89 Crores, Excise Duty paid to Government

Rs. 61 lakhs income tax payable to Government.

Which means that over 50 per cent. cost of a match box is due to Taxation.

This is more or less the same in Sugar, Cloth and other household necessities.

It shows to what extent the top heavy expenses of Government themselves are responsible for creating Inflation.

Unless Taxation is substantially brought down, all talk of lowering prices are meaningless.

Yours etc.
V. M. SARAIYA.

What The Election Shows

Sir,—I read with interest your editorial entitled "The Lesson of the Election" appearing this morning. You are right when you say that there are certain features of this election which cannot be overlooked.

I do not see any reason for taking an alarmist view or declaring from this one solitary example that people are apathetic to their civic duties.

This election was not based on Adult franchise. (We accept the correction--EDITOR). Far from it. The voters' lists on which this election was fought, were prepared in 1941 according to the Government of India Act of 1935 in which franchise was restricted to those who paid at least Rs. 60 annually by way of house rent. That is why the voters in a constituency which comprises 12 percent Municipal Divisions, were only 1,52,000. I may point out that the number of Municipal voters in these 12 divisions together comes to twice that figure—in fact, full three lakhs and odd. Had the franchise for the Assembly been as wide as that, I am sure on a day when there was a holiday there would have been a much larger poll even for a by-election. It must also be remembered that in between the years when these rolls were prepared and the present time our city underwent two nightmares: The scare during the war when people in their thousands left the city and those who returned came to stay later on in another part; and the explosion which affected a part of this constituency — at least its fringes—when thousands of people from Mazagaon and the adjoining areas left for other parts of the city. The unfortunate communal disturbances too which lasted long, resulted in further displacement of voters. The cumulative effect of all this has been that, on a modest estimate, 30 to 40 per cent of the persons whose names appear on the rolls of 1941 as well as 1946, are not traceable today.

The large army of my colleagues who combed the whole area from house to house and chawl to chawl, found that out of every 100 cards properly prepared according to the addresses given in the roll one could hardly find 30 or 40 persons on those addresses. I am sure the same must have been the experience of others interested in the election if they tried to distribut the cards, and trace voters. Immediately this came to my notice, I realised that there was great danger of mass impersonations and, therefore, I wrote to the authorities and pointed out certain ways and means which could at least obivate this danger if not altogether elliminate it. We shall have a clear idea after the counting of votes on Thursday.

I must, however, say that, owing to the enthusiasm created on account of a keen contest, the authorities introduced necessary changes in the elections arrangements in time, and this enabled the election to pass off peacefully and in an orderly manner. And whatever the result, all parties and all those interested in the proper functioning of democracy would compliment the authorities for the good arrangements on the day.—Yours, etc.,
M. HARRIS.

Critical Stage In Gujarat Famine

Sir,—The Broach Collector's figures on famine in his district tells us that of the two lacs and quarter persons affected by famine, only 20,000 destitutes are employed on relief works. Adding others maintained on Tagavi and their dependen's, more than a lac are left to their fate. Turning to cattle, of the three-quarters of a lac affected by famine, only 6,200 are being fed at Government centres. Taking even twice the number as being fed on grass and fresh fodder provided by Government, about half a lac are not accounted for.

The same tale of woe can be read in the Ahmedabad figures published recently by the Congress Secretary. Of the four and a half lacs in the affected areas only 16,000 are employed on all works. Even adding others maintained on Tagavi and personal resources, the figure of the unprovided is really appalling. Again of the lac and three-quarters good cattle left in the District, only 28,000 are fed in Government centres and camps. Taking again an equal number as being fed on grass provided otherwise a lac would remain an easy prey to the ravages of famine.

Nor do reports available about conditions in the new Sabar and Banas Districts and the Baroda areas of North Gujarat give any ground for optimism. The relief work there is still in a very rudimentary state and the condition of men and cattle is piteous indeed.

We have entered on the most critical stage a famine with the onset of the hot weather. Even the semi-official Gujarat Famine Committee in a recent appeal for funds, referred in tragic terms to the acute dearth of food, grass and water and to the dismal ruination of villages.

Let us not talk glibly of just two months of famine. Even with rains in June, first water shortage and then scarcity of grass would be relieved. But it cannot be too clearly remembered that human misery would not be relieved before next Diwali when the new food crops would be gathered. The number of persons employed on famine works has been known in the past to be the largest in August. The destitutes of Gujarat have to be employed for more than full five months before nature can help them.

Let all, therefore, prepare to put in their maximum effort during the critical months ahead. The shadow of famine will widen and grow darker as days pass by. The fate of rural Gujarat hangs today in the balance. The tempo of relief work will have to be intensified if Gujarat is to be saved. Any the slightest wavering and vascillation will seal its fate for more than decade.

Yours etc.
INDULAL YAGNIK.

India Government To Set Up School Of Printing

NEW DELHI, April 27. (API)—The Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, it is learnt, has drawn up a scheme to set up a school of printing in India at an expense of Rs. 670,000.

According to the scheme, the school which may be located either in Bombay or in Calcutta, will simultaneously provide training facilities for about 500 persons in nine branches of the printing trade.

Chiang Stages Comeback

CALL TO CHINA TO FIGHT RED TYRANNY

Nationalists Claim To Have Halted Communist Drive Near Soochow

EVACUATION FEVER HITS SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek dramatically ended three months' retirement today by broadcasting a "stand fast" appeal to the Chinese to fight on against "Communist tyranny".

CHIANG LEAVES HOME TOWN

Immediately after the broadcast from his home province of Chekiang, the Generalissimo was reported to have flown to embattled Shanghai to confer with top Government officials on the defence of China's richest prize, now almost isolated on the land side by powerful Communist armies.

There was no official confirmation that the Generalissimo was in this frontline city.

But observers read his broadcast as meaning he was resuming an active role of leadership after voluntarily stepping down from power in January after 25 years as China's "strong man".

The uneasy lull around Shanghai continued today, but sixty miles to the west near Soochow Nationalist troops claimed to have halted an advancing Communist column after fierce fighting.

Generalissimo Chiang broadcasting from Chiknow, in Chekiang province, predicted "final victory" for Government forces within three years.

The Communist crossing of the Yangtse river—which gave them Nanking—was the peak of their army development and would bring them face to face with an increasingly mass of military, political and economic problems resulting in their inevitable downfall, he added.

The Generalissimo, who stepped aside to clear the way for abortive peace negotiations with the Communists, promised wholehearted support to acting President Li Tsung-Jen and Premier Ho Ying-China.

He said the Communist had blundered into political and military errors of the Japanese by rejecting nationalist efforts for a peaceful settlement.

CHARGE AGAINST REDS

Chiang charged Communist leader Mao Tse-Tung with seeking to "enslave" the Chinese people to the cause of international Communism.

"As long as there are people in this world who treasure justice, the Chinese people will not be alone in their struggle against Communist totalitarianism and tyranny", he added.

Most observers here think Nationalist strategy will be to fall back where necessary to important south coast bridgeheads such as Ningpo, Foochow Amoy and Canton, where their forces could be covered by air and naval groups gathering in strength on the island of Taiwan (Formosa).

COMMUNIST BAIT

Unconfirmed reports here today said General Chang Chih-Chung, Governor of the north west provinces, was among several Government peace negotiations at Peiping, who had been offered high positions by the Communists.

If this were true the Communists might win four of the vast provinces bordering Russian Turkestan—Sinkiang, Kansu, Ninghsia and Chinghai—without a fight, observers thought.

Immediate campaign problem is effective defence of the great commercial centre of Shanghai.

LATEST MILITARY SITUATION

Latest official reports of the military situation near Shanghai claimed that 2,000 Communist who pushed inland after crossing the Yangtse, about 50 miles away had been "successfully attacked" by Government forces.

Shanghai Garrison Headquarters said Government forces defending Soochow, 60 miles west of Shanghai, had moved back a little "after completing their previously planned delaying action".

PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS

Shanghai Garrison Headquarters announced today it would do its "utmost" to protect foreign residents. This was particularly welcomed by 4,000 Britons who yesterday saw the cruiser "London" steam ten miles downstream to avoid becoming involved in the battle for Shanghai.

Today they saw "Battleship Row" off the bund completely emptied when the British frigate "Black Swan"—involved with the "London" in the "Amethyst" incident—shipped down river to join the cruiser.

The 11,550-ton cruiser "Belfast" was on her way to Shanghai from Hongkong. Cruiser "Jamaica" is going to China waters from Bermuda.

The gold yuan dived sharply again in Shanghai. "Go early and eat fast" was the rule in restaurants, where charges increased quickly with the inflation.

AIR EVACUATION

All day long commercial passenger planes drowned in and out of the city shuttling evacuees to Hongkong and Canton.

British evacuees from Hongkong were officially told to call at the British Consulate-General today for their sailing tickets.

They were warned that food would be "Chinese style" and accommodation in dormitories between decks.

REDS HAVE TURNED PEAK AND HEAD FOR FALL

Chiang Predicts Victory In Three Years

SHANGHAI, April 27 (PTI-Reuter).—Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, retired Chinese President, declared in a message to the Chinese people today to fight on against "Communist tyranny" that "final victory will be ours within three years."

Chiang, who retired from the Presidency of China in January to make way for the recent abortive peace negotiations, made the appeal as Director-General of the Kuomintang, the Government Party, from Chicow, his home town in Chekiang Province.

He called on "all freedom-loving patriotic Chinese people to join the struggle to free the country from Communist tyranny by reviving their determination and courage which characterised their eight long bitter years of war against the Japanese."

The appeal, Chiang's first published statement since he announced his retirement, charged Mao Tse-Tung and his Communist followers with seeking to utilise the Chinese people to the cause of International Communism, of attempting to make all China a military base and a source of manpower for the benefit of a Communist plan of world domination.

"As long as there are people in this world who treasure freedom and cherish justice, the Chinese people will not be alone in their struggle against Communist totalitarianism and tyranny", he declared.

Chiang called on the Chinese people to profit by the "bitter lessons of their past errors" by making it their responsibility to support the Government in its efforts to put into effect political military and economic reforms.

He promised his whole-hearted support to acting President Li Tsung-Jen, and Premier Ho-Ying-China in leading the nation in its struggle. He said the Communists, in rejecting the efforts of the Nationalist Government to bring forth a peaceful settlement by launching their drive across the Yangtse had blundered into the same political and military errors which marred the Japanese.

REDS PASS PEAK

The crossing of the Yangtse by the Communist Army represented the peak of Communist Army development.

This action, he predicted, would also bring them face to face with an entangling mass of military, political and economic problems, which would eventually result in their inevitable downfall.

Marshall Chiang urges his countrymen to take courage, to sacrifice, to suffer and to be patient". "I am certain that so long as we carry out this struggle with determination, the Communists can neither enslave us nor destroy the independence of our country", he said.

"Within three years final victory will be ours".

WHY HE COMES BACK

He said that although he had retired from his post as President, "I feel I cannot rightly disregard my responsibility as a citizen at a time when our country is faced with danger and our people are on the brink of disaster".

The present Chinese struggle against Communist domination was not a fight in which the fate of China alone was at stake, he said.

The safety and continued peaceful existence of all freedom-loving nations were dependent on the outcome of the struggle against Communism in China.

WORSE THAN JAP PUPPET

Mao Tse-Tung, the Communist leader, was a far more dangerous "traitor" to China than the Japanese puppet Wang Chin Wei had been, but Mao, in allying himself with International Communism was far more ambitious and dangerous because he was seeking to enslave and destroy his own nation to fulfil the aggressive designs of a foreign power.

'REDS' PLEDGE TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): Chinese Communists today promised to protect "the security and lives and property of all foreign nations" in China.

The statement was heard in a Peiping broadcast picked up here, of a proclamation issued yesterday by Mao Tse Tung Chinese Communist leader, and General Chu Teh, Communist Commander-in-Chief.

"It is hoped that all foreign nationals will do their work as usual and preserve order.

All foreign nationals must observe the laws and decrees of the people's liberation (Communist) army and the people's Government", the broadcast added.

"SWARTHMORE VICTORY" FOR EVACUATION WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 (PTI-Reuter): The Pacific Far East line announced today that its 7,607-ton ship "Swarthmore Victory" would dock at Shanghai on Thursday to evacuate 200 people to Formosa.

TELEGRAMS TO CHINA

NEW DELHI, April 27.

Telegraphic communication with Tientsin, Peiping and Nanking in China has been suspended with immediate effect, says a Press Note issued by the Director-General, Posts and Telegraph.

NEW HOUSES FOR INDUSTRIAL LABOUR

Delhi To Provide Loans To Provinces

CALCUTTA, April 27 (UPI): Decision of the Government of India to provide interest-free loan for providing new houses for industrial labour to various Provincial Governments has been communicated by the Ministry of Labour, it is learnt.

A letter addressed to Provincial Governments states that the Government of India, after considering the whole question of industrial housing, have decided that capital required for industrial houses should be provided as a loan to the extent of two-thirds by third by the Provincial Government on an employer on the recommendation of the Government. The Central Government will not grant any subvention to the Provinces for this purposes. The capital provided by the Centre will be free of interest but the Provincial Government will be required to build up a sinking fund to which contribution must be made from the date not later than 2 years after the loan has been advanced and in equated instalments so as to enable the amount to be repaid within 25 years from the date.

R.S.S. Prisoners In East Punjab Break Fast

SIMLA, April 27 (API): Almost all R.S.S. prisoners, who were on hungerstrike in East Punjab jails have, in response to the East Punjab Premier's appeal, given up hungerstrike states a Press Note issued today.

About 350 more RSS hungerstrikers in Yole camp and Ludhiana and Gurdaspur jails have called off their fast, according to reports reaching here today.

Three hundred and thirty RSS hungerstrikers in Hissar, Ambala and Jullundur jails have already broken their fast.

16 R.S.S. And Hindu Sabha Members Arrested

GWALIOR, April 27 (A.P.I.): The Madhyabharat Police arrested 16 persons belonging to the R.S.S. and the Hindu Mahasabha today on a charge of "spreading news harmful to the public in general".

The R.S.S. and the Hindu Mahasabha were declared illegal by the Government some time ago.

Calcutta Scare Spreads To Jamshedpur

JAMSHEDPUR, April 27. (API)—Calcutta's child-lifting scare has now spread to Jamshedpur, a Punjabi woman has heported that her maid servant had disappeared along with her 7-month-old child at Tata Nagar Station, while they were about to board a train.

District Congress Committee President Suspended

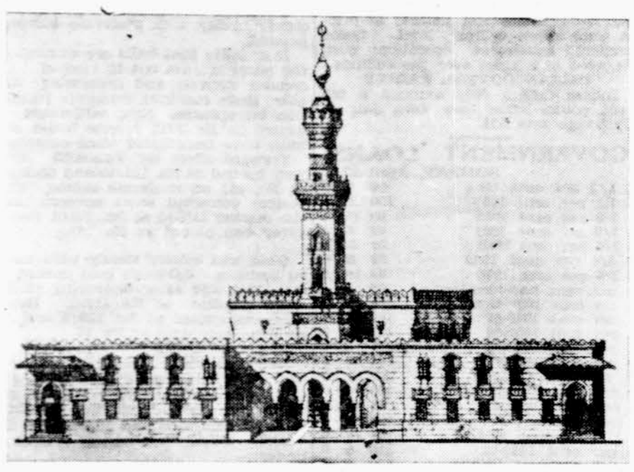
JUBBULPORE, April 27 (UPI): Shri M. K. Chitale, President, District Congress Committee, Bilaspur, has been suspended for four years from holding Congress elective posts, while Messrs. Dr. R. C. Rai, President, Bilaspur Municipal Committee, and Shri Chintamani Rao Talwar, Vice-President Municipal Committee, Shri Purushottam Bhai Patel and Mr. Yadu M. Nandan Prasad Shrivastava, well-known Congress workers of Bilaspur have been directed to explain their conduct and tender an unconditional apology by May 9.

The charges against these Congress workers were that they put up their own candidates to contest the Municipal elections at Bilaspur and worked actively for the defeat of the candidates set up by the Provincial Congress election board.

May Day In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, April 27. (A.P.I.): The Saurashtra Government has requested industrial undertakings to close their factories on May 1 to enable the workers to celebrate May Day.

First Mosque In Washington



The cornerstone of the first mosque to be built in Washington, was laid on February 7th, 1949, on the 1,379th, anniversary of the birth of Mohamed. The mosque is being erected under the auspices of diplomatic mission heads of Moslem countries. It will also house an Islamic Culture Institution. A copy of Koran, U.S. coins and copies of U.S. newspapers were placed in a metal box sealed into the corner stone. Taking part in the traditional pounding of the hammer on the corner stone, to indicate the spiritual unity of Islamic nations, were representatives of Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon.

EX-ARMY MEN RAID MEDAK VILLAGE

HYDERABAD, April 27 (UPI): Six ex-army men in khaki raided village Katryal in Medak District in the second week of April and killed two men and one girl, according to reports received here.

They are further reported to have burnt a house and looted property worth Rs. 6,000.

Two Lakhs For Gandhi Fund

TANJORE, April 27. (UPI)—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai, President of the Tanjore District Gandhi National Memorial Fund Committee, in a statement, says that elaborate arrangements are being made to accord a reception to Dr. Rajendra Prasad during his visit to Tanjore on April 30 and that a purse of about Rs. two lakhs will be presented to him towards the fund.

Dr. Prasad will address a public meeting at Tilak Maidan on the evening of April 30.

The Tanjore Muncipal Council will present him with an address.

ALLOCATION OF GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Details Not Yet Decided

NEW DELHI, April 27. (API)—The office of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund it was learnt here today has received applications from various public organisations for allotment of amounts from the fund for the use in the constructive programme of Mahatma Gandhi.

These applications will be considered by an ad-hoc Committee, appointed recently by the chairman of the fund, at its meeting on May 7. It is understood that the ad-hoc committee will, after considering the applications, forward some of them to the meeting of the trustees to be held in Delhi on May 10.

Although the fund is to be used for promoting interest which were dear to Mahatma Gandhi yet the details regarding its allocations are not decided. It is gathered that these details will be settled by an executive committee of the fund which will be set up at the meeting of the trustees on May 10. This meeting will also elect a vice-chairman and six holding trustees and appoint a sub-committee and a secretary to draft rules and regulations. The fixation of the term of the chairman of the fund is also expected to be decided at this meeting.

An official of the memorial fund today said that he expected the total collections to reach the figure of about Rs. 12 crores. He added that the rumours that the last date (April 30) for the close of the subscriptions to the fund will be extended, were quite baseless.

Orissa Sends Out 56,647 Tons Of Rice

CUTTACK, April 27. (UPI)—The Province of Orissa has so far despatched to different parts of India 56,647 tons of rice. The quantity procured so far for the current "kharif" year is 1,18,224 tons, out of which further despatches to different parts of India are expected to be made.

CUSTOMS BARRIER ROUND FRENCH INDIA

Baig Discusses Situation With Delhi Officials

NEW DELHI, April 27. (A.P.I.): Mr. R. A. Baig, Consul-General in Pondicherry, concluded his discussions with the Ministry of External Affairs today. He is returning to Pondicherry tomorrow.

Mr. Baig was invited by the Ministry for consultations on the working of the Customs barriers, set up around the French settlements in India on the termination of the Customs Union agreement on April 1.

It is understood the French Government has made a representation to the Government of India regarding the working of the Customs barriers.

Mr. Baig had an interview with the Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, and acquainted His Excellency with the recent developments in the French settlements.

Hand Grenade Thrown At Office

CALCUTTA, April 27, (API): One person was injured when a hand-grenade was thrown at the office of a company which was recruiting new hands following the dismissal of some of their employees on strike.

Three persons, including an ex-employee of the company, which is situated in central Calcutta were arrested in this connection.

Quarantine Restrictions

Information has been received by the Director General of Health Services, that the Health Authorities in Cyprus have imposed quarantine restrictions on account of smallpox, cholera and plague against passengers from India by sea and air.

Stop Press

DR. KESKAR IN SAIGON

SAIGON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. B. V. Keskar India's Deputy Minister for External Affairs was met by a Guard of Honour of Vietnamese troops on his arrival here this afternoon by air from Singapore.

This was the first time Vietnamese troops had formed a Guard of Honour for the arrival of a prominent foreigner

U.S. AND U.K. RECOGNIZE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): The United States today recognised Colonel Husni Zaim's Syrian Government established after a bloodless coup on March 30.

Britain also recognised the new Government today in a reply by Mr. Philip Broadmead, the British Minister in Damascus, to an official communication from Colonel Zaim's Government informing him of the coup.

U.S. ABOLISHES EXPORT CONTROL

WASHINGTON, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): The United States today abolished export controls on more than 500 articles, the Commerce Department announced. This will permit shipment of these goods to eastern European nations or "any destination in the world" without export licences.

EX-SYRIAN PRESIDENT RELEASED

DAMASCUS, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Colonel Husni Zaim, who seized power in Syria at the end of March, today released the former President Shukri El Kouatly subject to his remaining at home.

PRINCESS MARGARET IN ITALY

NAPLES, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies greeted Princess Margaret when she arrived here by plane this afternoon to begin a month's private visit to Italy.

NO COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE CONFERENCE IN CEYLON

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): A spokesman of the Ceylon Delegation to the Commonwealth Conference today denied a report that a Commonwealth Defence Conference will be held in Ceylon later this year. He said "there have been no talks on the subject."

LIFT STAGNANT CONDITIONS IN CAPITAL MARKET

All-India Manufacturers Suggest Two-Way Drive

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The All-India Manufacturers' Organisation, Bombay, has suggested a two-way drive to spur activity in industrial investments and to lift the stagnant conditions in the capital market when its representatives met Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, Government of India, today.

In a lengthy memorandum submitted by the Organisation to the Minister, it calls for a reorientation in the policy of taxation to bring it in line with the reality of the situation. "The results have proved that the measures adopted in the current year's budgetary estimates have failed to instil confidence in the investment market, or leave sufficient savings to flow into productive investments. Our lower and middle income groups have hardly any savings which can form the bulk of our industrial investments as is the case in more prosperous countries. Therefore, substantial relief in income-tax to these income-groups ought to be given and they should be encouraged to channelise their savings into industries. The income-tax on both earned and unearned incomes in higher income groups must also be reduced", the memorandum demands

READJUSTMENT OF CREDIT STRUCTURE

The second step that should be taken, according to the Organisation is to readjust the credit structure of the country to enable banks and insurance safeguards, increasing support to industrial enterprise. The formation of one industrial Finance Corporation at the Centre or similar ones in the provinces or acceding States is hardly enough. The Organisation thinks that the bulk of the finances and the necessary executive machinery will have to come from existing banking and insurance institutions which are the natural financiers of sound industrial schemes. Therefore, Government would have to modify the existing legislation and make it sufficiently elastic to enable banks and insurance companies to finance industries.

On foreign capital, the memorandum suggests the floatation of private loans, both on Government and private account, under guarantee of the Government of India, to enable all industries to benefit from the influx of foreign capital and to remove any fears of industrial domination by foreign capital.

Dr. Mathai replied to the various points raised in the memorandum.

Indian Student Working On U. S. Navy Project

WASHINGTON, (By Mail).

R. L. Thakur, an Indian scholar who came to the United States in August, 1946, to study glass technology, is now doing research on colour in minerals under a project sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

Thakur earned an M.S. degree from Alfred University in September, 1947, with an average of 2.9 out of a possible 3.0 and was initiated into the Honorary American Ceramic Fraternity, Keramos. He is now working toward a Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State College and holds a graduate assistantship in Ceramics at the College.

One Killed And 12 Injured In Motor Accident

BELLARY, April 26 (API).—One woman was killed and twelve other passengers of a motor bus were injured in an accident at a village near Bellary.

It is stated that the bus fell on its side while negotiating a bund.

Man-Eater Killed

GAUHATI, April 27 (API).—One member of the family of man-eating tigers of Paneri, in the Mangaldoi subdivision, is reported to have been killed two days back.

The tigers have been carrying on their depredations in this area for a long time and have already accounted for six persons this year.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, April 27.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Society for the Care, Treatment and Training of Children in Need of Special Care, Ravi Lodge, Warden Road, where they were received by Mrs. Jai H. Vakeel, the Principal and Sir N. J. Wadia, the President.

Rani Maharaj Singh gave an "At Home" at Government House to representatives of the United Women's Organisation, Bombay.

Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Excelsior Theatre to attend a Dance Recital by Shrimati Tagore in aid of the Rehabilitation of disabled and crippled Children, The National Council of Women and the Nritva Kalalaya.

Sir Benegal and Lady Rama Rau and Mrs. Naoroji came to dinner.

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MR. DINKERRAO DESAI

Mr. Dinkerrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies, will leave Bombay for Delhi, on Friday, April 29, by plane and return on Monday May 2.

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M. P. PATIL

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, will leave Bombay for Delhi, on Friday, April 29, by plane, and return on Monday, May 2.

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M. ERIC AHLKUIST

NEW DELHI, April 27 (A.P.I.): M. Eric Ahlkuist, a representative of the Finnish Government, is expected to arrive here tomorrow for trade talks with the Government of India.

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DR. B. V. KESKAR

SINGAPORE, April 27 (PTI-Reuter) Dr. B. V. Keskar Indian Deputy Minister, who is touring South East Asia left here by air this morning for Saigon.

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DR. S. MOOKERJEE

ERNAKULAM, April 27 (A.P.I.): Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee, Industry and Supply Minister of the Government of India, is expected here by plane from Bangalore on April 29.

Dr. Mookerjee will visit the fertiliser factory at Alwaye (Travancore State) the same day.

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DR. CHYLE

NEW DELHI, April 27 (A.P.I.): Dr. Chyle, Envoy Extraordinary and Ministoer Plenipotentiary, will replace M. Josef Korbel as Czechoslovakian delegate on the United Nations Commission for Iidia and Pakistan. Dr. Chyle is due to arrive here tomorrow.

M. Korbel did not accompany the Commission when it retuned here a few months ago.

3 Killed In Armed Communist Raid

VIJAYAWADA, April 27 (U.P.I.): About 200 armed Communist raiders attacked last night Veluvuru village (Divi Taluk) on the banks of the Krishna about 30 miles from Vijayawada and murdered three villagers, injured seven people and looted the property of the villagers, according to news received here.

The raiders, it is stated pulled the eyes of Mr. Basaviah, local Congress Seva Dal Commander.

All the injured persons have been removed to the Masulipatam Hospital for treatment.

One Killed In Chaprapur Raid

ARRAHA, April 27, (U.P.I.): One person was killed and several others received injuries when a band of about thirty variously armed persons raided the village of Chaprapur, Sadar Thana of Shahabad District.

PARSIS' TRIBUTES TO SIR HOMI MODY

Reception At Cusrow Baug

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Profuse tributes were paid to Sir Homi Mody, Governor Designate of the United Provinces at a reception arranged by over 25 leading Parsi Associations this evening at Cusrow Baug Colaba

Addressing the gathering, Sir Homi said that the high position achieved by the Parsi community was due to its long patriotic traditions and its contribution to the growth of nationalism in India. He said that Parsis were "Indians first, second and last"

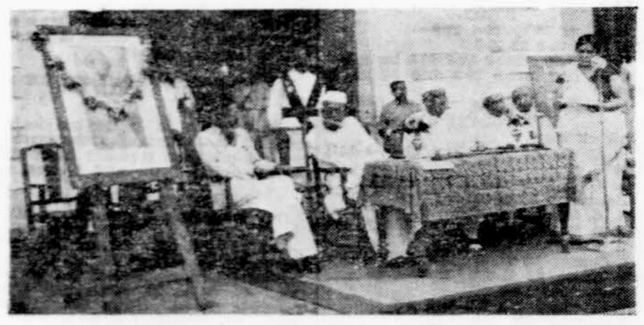
"We have always served Government loyally. We should be equally loyal to those who are in authority over us and help the national government in their task to uplift the nation," he added.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, presiding over the function recalled the multiferous services of Sir Homi and said that even when he opposed the Congress in the past, his opposition was on principles.

Sir Behram Karanjia read out the address stating that Sir Homi's appointment "is an honour to our cosmopolitan City of Bombay, and it is also an honour to our community as you are one of her most illustrious sons and we are proud of it."

Mr K. R. P. Shroff, Chairman of the Reception Committee and Sir Ness Wadia eugolised the services of the Governor-designate and wished him and Lady Mody long and prosperous life.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S QUOTA FOR GANDHI FUND



Two school children—a Harijan boy and a Harijan girl—presented a cheque of Rs. 92,977, being the total collection made by school children in Bombay during the last fortnight, to the Premier of Bombay. Photo shows Miss Kapila Khandwala, Hon. Secretary, School's Day and Week Collection Committee, speaking.

CITY BANKERS' RECEPTION TO SIR H. P. MODY

Sir H. P. Mody, Governor-Designate of U. P., was given a reception on Tuesday by the Indian Banks' Association. Photo shows Sir H. P. Mody with the members of the Association.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

RAPID TWO-SIDED MOVEMENT IN STEEL SHARES

BOMBAY, April 27.

The local Stock Exchange opened steady and under scattered buying Steel shares moved up but the improvement was followed by active liquidation and prices recorded sharp decline. At this decline short covering developed and prices rallied. The market is correcting over old state and now there is a decided change in the general sentiment and there is more inclination to buy on declines them to sell on upturns.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened today at Rs. 1357 and after advancing at Rs. 1367/8 declined at Rs. 1320 on general liquidation but rallied at Rs. 1340 on short covering. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 271 and after advancing at Rs. 273 quietened at Rs. 270, Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 925 and advanced at Rs. 937 but reacted at Rs. 932, Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 282 while Svadeshi shares opened at Rs. 301 and steadied at Rs. 299, Scindia shares opened at Rs. 14/6 and declined at Rs. 13/14.

Later on there was renewed selling and Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 1320/- and Ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 267/- Bombay Dyeing shares were done at Rs. 927/8 Indian Irons and Bengal Steel were quoted at Rs. 22/1 and Rs. 18/8 respectively. Gokaks were quoted at Rs. 270/- and Kohinoors quietened at Rs. 280/- Simplex shares were steady at Rs. 175/- Associated Cements were done at Rs. 137/8 Bombay Burmas changed hands at Rs. 280/- and Central Bank Shares were placed at Rs. 80/8.

At the close there was renewed buying and Tata Steel Defds. advanced at Rs. 1357/8 and Ordinary Shares improved at Rs. 272/8. Bombay Dyeings also advanced at Rs. 942/8. Closing tone was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	942 8
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	282 0
Svadeshi Mills (1-4)	301 0
Central India Mills (4)	247 9
Simplex Mills (3)	176 0
New Great Eastern (8)	157 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	145 0
Gokak Mills (12) XD	270 8
Century Spinning (15)	251 4
Colaba (12)	150 0
India Bleaching (6)	152 8
Swan Mills (20)	317 0
Finlay Mills (15) XD	256 0
Morarji Gokuldas	448 12
Edward Sassoon (30)	215 0
Meyer (12)	110 0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3 0 6
India United Ord. (0-12-9)	10 11
India United Defd. (9-2-6)	1 8 6
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 0
Podar (8)	136 4
Khatau Makanji (5)	198 12
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (4)	272 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1357 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	139 0
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	137 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	280 0
Belapur Sugar (9)	203 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	25 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14 3
Premier Construction	90 0
Tata Chemical	8 8
Tata Oil (2)	58 0
India Iron (0-12)	22 5
Bengal Stel (0-8-0)	18 8
British India Corp. (0-9)	7 10
I Copper	2 0 6
Wimco	170 0
Alcock	246 4
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (3)	147 8
Andhra Valley (30)	1400 0
Tata power (25)	1457 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61 0
Phonix	197 8
Indian Mfg.	4150 0
Kurla	107 8
New City	180 0
Minerva (12)	128 12
Bradbury	460 0
Bharat Mills (2)	27 4
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 4
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 8
Model Mills (12-8)	190 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	587 8
Vishnu Cotton (8)	197 8
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 12
Western India (40)	4070 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	53 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	250 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	160 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	281 4
Victoria Mills	225 0
New Great New	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (4-8)	120 10
Ahmedabad New	44 8
Surat Electric (2-8)	140 0
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10 10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6 5
Amalgamated (0-12)	12-8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	146 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	152 8
Bombay Suburban new (2)	152 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1780 0
Imperial Bank of India P.P (8-12)	430 0
Central Bank	80 8
Central Bank New (1-8)	81 0
Bank of Baroda (2-8) XD	127 8
Unin (0)	7 7
Bank of India (4)	180 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (1-8)	52 0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	22 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125)	5100 0
Empire (10)	625 0
New India (1-)	57 0
Jupiter (1-4)	18 0
Vulcan (0-10)	11 8
Indian Mercantile (2)	37 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 12
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	6 2
New Great	25 0
All India General	15 10
RAILWAY SHARES	
C.P. (1-14)	111 0
Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	225 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	105 0
Burma Petrol	1 4 3
Mackenzie (6)	70 0
Port Canning (3)	68 8
Kemp and Co. (30)	415 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	92 12
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	39 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	191 4
Supreme India X.R.	
Jam Wire (6)	67 4
Bombay Uganda	60 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	30 0
Indian Cement (1937)	18 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (E.S.)	130 0
Associated Cement New (3)	132 8
United Motor	32 0
Bombay Safe Deposit '27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Manmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	191 14
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1260 0
Hydro Electric (7)	122 8
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 4
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	640 0
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	112 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	102 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	122 8
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 8
Morarji	106 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	101 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	105 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 3 0
New Victoria Mill	2 0
New Victoria Mills (Pref)	4 12
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	105 0
Gold Mohur (20)	312 8
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	160 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	265 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	270 0
Air Service XR	6 8
Air India	91 0
Hind Motor	3 12 6
India Steam	6 8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 27

Tata Ordinary 272-8; Tata Deferred 1357-8; Indian Iron 22-5; Steel Corpn. of Bengal, 18-8; Bombay Dyeing 942-8; Central India 247-8; Gokak 270-10; Kohinoor 282-8; Simplex 176; Swadeshi 301-4; Tata Power 1467-8; Associated Cement 137-8; Belapur 203-12; Bombay Burma (Old) 280. Scindia 14-3; Central Bank 80-8; New India 57; Tata 2nd Pref. 139.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, April 26 (UPA).—White Muntok was today quoted at $311 and Black Lampong at SS$230 per picul of 133.3 lbs.

NEW YORK SEED PRICES

NEW YORK, April 26 (UPA).—The following were prices of seeds on the New York Market today:

Castorseeds	$125 nom.
Cottonseeds	$40 nom.
Flaxseed	$6.00
Inseed Oil	27.6 cents.
Groundnuts	20-1/2—21
Groundnut oil	15 asked.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, April 26.

T. T. London on:	Selling	Buying
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47	to 14.50

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, April 26.

Silver Spot and Forward 43-1/2d.
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

WOOL TOP PRICES

NEW YORK, April 26 (UPA).—Wool tops closed steady, off 10 to up 10. May was quoted 152.5. 154; July 149. 150; October 143. 145; December 140.5. 142; March 1950, 138. 139; May 136. 138.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, April 27.

There was no official forward business to-day in the local market as prices were above ceiling level. Some scattered settlement operations were reported at a price over the ceilings.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton July contract is 863 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 27.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98 7 0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 5 0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 10 0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	98 8 0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99 8 0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 3 0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	96 10 0
3 per cent non-terminable	98 4 0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	98 7 0
3 per cent 1949-52	100 6 0
3 per cent 1951-54	101 3 0
3 per cent 1953-55	101 8 0
3 per cent 1959-61	101 2 0
3 per cent 1959-61	100 15 0
3 per cent 1963-65	100 6 0
3 per cent 1966-68	100 2 0
3 per cent 1970-75	100 0 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 10 0
4 per cent 1960-70	110 6 0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	103 0 0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111 9 0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	114 14 0
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
2 3/4 per cent U.P. 1961	97 10 0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97 8 0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12 0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 10 0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	99 0 0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 6 0
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100 6 0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100 6 0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	97 4 0
3 per cent U.P. 1961-66	100 0 0
4 per cent B.P.T.	110 12 0
4 per cent B. Municipality	110 8 0
5 per cent B. Municipality 1959	114 0 0
6 per cent B. Municipal 1954	115 0 0
3 per cent B. Municipal 1950-60	107 0 0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 27.

B C Rates T T D D 1-5 15/16 Ready
B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rate T T Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs. 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 329
Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 7860
Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs. 8060
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl. 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D Gldg. 79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157
Manila Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 165 1/4

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs 52. 57-53. 43
London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tol. 40; London-Belgium Cross Rat Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.
London/Hongkong Cross Rate Kr 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Ratio dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rates Fcs 1061-1063; London-Prague Cross Rate K 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 17.34-36.
London Discts 3 Mos 9/16 p c; London Discts 6 Mos 5/8 p c
Reserve: Bank Rate 3 p c; Bank of England Rate 2 p c.
Money:—Call 3/4 pc; 3 Mos 1 p c; 6 Mos 1-1/4 p c; 12 Mos 1-1/2 p c.
Tone:—Tight

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, April 27.

The local bullion market was quietly steady to-day with moderate business passing.

It appears that bulls are controlling the silver market but in view of increased arrivals and decreasing offtake, there continue moderate liquidation on upturns. Next settlement is quoted at Rs. 1/12 reverse budla and bulls have transferred some contracts.

Forward silver for Vaishakh delivery opened at Rs. 181/10 and declined at Rs. 181 on moderate selling. This decline attracted short covering and the market rallied at Rs. 181/8. Ready silver was placed at Rs. 181.

Gold was quietly steady with limited business. Vaishakh gold opened at Rs. 112/4 and after improving at Rs. 112/6 steadied at Rs. 112/5. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 113/5 and sovereigns were done at Rs. 74.

Later on there was active buying and Silver advanced at Rs. 182|14 and Gold rose at Rs. 113/5. At the rise there was some liquidation in Silver which depressed the market at Rs. 180|14. Final quotations were as under:—

Silver Ready	180	6	0
Silver Vaishakh	181	0	0
Gold Ready	114	0	0
Gold Vaishakh	113	0	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 27.

The produce market was quiet today. There is very little demand for oils and crushers are unwilling to pay present prices of groundnuts. Arrivals are also increasing. In castorseeds trading was restricted. September option opened to-day at Rs. 136/8 and after declining at Rs 136/6 improved at Rs. 136/9 and steadied at Rs. 136/3.

Later the market improved and closed at Rs. 136|14.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	37	14	0
Coromandal	37	6	0
Bold ready	37	2	0
Bold April-May	37	2	0
Bold June-July	37	10	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	28	0	0
May delivery	139	12	0
September	136	14	0
LINSEED—			
Ready	31	0	0
April-May	30	11	0
June-July	30	7	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready	20	12	0
Ready receipts	20	10	0
May	20	14	0
June	20	15	0
July	21	1	0
Linseed oil	18	12	0
Castorseed oil first pressing quality	17	8	0
Castorseed oi commercial quality	18	8	0

SWITCHING FROM OLD TO NEW CROPS ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Expanding Activity In Wall Street

NEW YORK, April 26 (PTI-Reuter).

COTTON:—The market lacked stimulation but held steady in early dealings with only three notices--300 bales—tendered on the May contracts. This resulted in fairly active covering in May while near July later met further active support from the trade, still partly associated with the recent Japanese purchases. New crops were still mostly ignored but there was scattered buying possibly based on the wide discounts.

Later price generally sagged on profit-taking with further millcurtailment reports attracting attention Trends were reversed during the afternoon with newcrop advancing under better support while old crops declined on profit-taking and liquidation. Switching from old to new crops supplied a feature but the market lacked definite news. Wide discounts and export prospects possibly accounted for the rise of upto 20 points from early lows in new crops. The market closed steady with sales estimated at 300,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, April 26.

May	33.25	—14
July	32.53	—05
July Higest	32.71	+13
July Lowest	32.47	—11
October	29.07	+12
December	28.82	+12
March	28.70	+13
Middling Spot	34.12	—19

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, April 26.

May	33.15	—09
July	32.40	—08
October	29.03	+14
December	28.80	+16
Middling Spot	32.95	—15

WALL STREET MARKET

STOCKS:—The forecast by some bankers that businessmen may soon be paying less interest on loans from banks to carry on day to day operations or longer term expansion plans failed to stimulate the market today and narrow fluctuations were recorded with losses claiming a minor advantage.

The prevailing uncertainties were the main restrictive factors while an additional pointer on this side was the figures showing that commercial and industrial failures so far this year amounted to 2,798 against 1,566 in the same 1948 period. The average were industrials 173.59 and rails 47.21.

Mild hardening developed in the afternoon as shortcovering and replacement buying were attracted by some dividends and the state department view that the way appeared clear for lifting the Berlin blockade with such action depending upon the accuracy of reports from Moscow. Expanding activity was witnessed at times as the market showed fairly well distributed fractional gains led by assorted steels, motors, rails, oils, aircrafts, containers, chemicals and textiles. The market closed very steady at or around the day's best.

CHICAGO GRAINS

GRAINS:—After fluctuating irregularly with buying by commercial interests partially counteracting commission house selling prices rallied briskly on short covering which disclosed scarcity of offerings.

New York Pepper Prices Unchanged

NEW YORK, April 26—Black pepper prices remained unchanged in the spot market at 8 cents per pound with nearby Lampong supplies quoted around 88 cents and for future delivery around 87 cents per pound.

White pepper was reported to be very scarce in supply and the recent high price of dol 1.25 per pound for spot was maintained.

On the Produce Exchange, pepper futures closed inactive and unchanged to 200 higher.

Closing prices included:

May/July	83
September	80
October	77
December	66
January	55
March	50

Pepper imports into the United States in the first quarter of 1949 amounted approximately to 1,900 tons of which India supplied 89 percent according to Volkart Brothers report.

Last year, during the first quarter, imports amounted to 4,600 tons and in 1947 7,600 tons.

Messrs. Volkart Bros. said, "It looks as though India will continue our chef supplier for some time." They summarized the statistical position saying that it is estimated the Malabar 1948-49 crop is between 19,000 and 20,000 tons. Deducting November/March exports of 5,800 tons plus Indian absorption of 6,200, the remaining stock is aproximately 7,000 to 8,000 tons. Allowing 2,000 to 3,000 tons for Indian use for the remainded of the season, the balance remaining until the next crop in December 1949 is figured at 5,000 tons."

Mr. J. B. Budde, spice broker says, "spot goods are commanding a slight premium whereas afloat supplies and offerings for shipment are all held more or less at the same level The firm market found support in strong reports from India from where only comparatively small quantities are offered at very steady prices. Shippers expect fair arrivals until the end of this month which will probably fall off during the time to come."

London Pepper Prices

LONDON, April 26. (U.P.A.): The pepper position is still considered unsatisfactory. Singapore reports Lampong at 4/3 and white was nominally quoted at 5/8-1/2, but no buyers for either.

Malabar was nominally quoted at 465/- buyers and 470/- sellers.

Imports of black pepper during the first three months amounted to only 5,925 cwts. valued at 109,155 pounds sterling compared with 17,970 cwts. valued at 228,289 pounds sterlings in the first quarter of last year.

Castor Seed Forecast

NEW DELHI, April 27. (API)—The final forecast of castorseed of the Indian Union for 1948-49 issued by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics places the area and yield at 1,406,000 acres and 109,000 tons respectively as against 1,414,000 acres and 118,000 tons for 1947-48.

Being a decrease of 0.6 and 7.6 per cent respectively.

The decrease in yield has mainly occurred in Hyderabad some increase in yield has been recorded in Central Provinces and Berar and Saurashtra.

DELHI SPICE MARKET

(By Bansidhar Kuriamal, Delhi).

DELHI, April 26.

Chillies Rs. 85. Pepper Rs. 225. Cloves Rs. 86, Ajwan Rs. 12 25, Cardamom Rs. 75 85, Supari Rs. 84 105. Gola Rs. 66 to 70, Katori 58 to 63, Turmeric 55 56. Khus Rs. 30 32. (Rates per mound of 85 lbs.).

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, April 26.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, April 27.

MILLS.

Apollo 3 3/0/6
B. Dyeing 926/4 23/12 32/8 27/8 37/8 35 42/8
C. India 246/8 46 47 46/8 47
C. Pref 625
Century 251/4
Elphinstone Ord 61
Finlay 257 58 56
Gokak 270/8 69/8 70/8
I.P. Defd 1/8/6 1/8/3 1/8/6
I.U. Ord 10/9/6 10/9 10/12 10/11
Indore 145
Kohinoor 282 80/8 81/8 80 82/8 82
Meyer 110 10/10 10
Morarji 447/8 48/12
New Great 156/8 54/8 57
Sassoon Cotton 9/4
Simplex 175 76
Svadeshi 301 1/8 299 300 298 301
Tata Mills 54

STEAMER

B. Steam 225
Scindia 14/6 14/2 14/3 13/13 14/3

BANKS

Baroda 125
Central 81 80/8 81 80/8
Central A New 81
Imperial Old 1797/8 75 80
Imperial New 433/12 31/4 32/8 30
India 182 81/8
Union 7/6
U. Commercial 52/8 52

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 120-10
Andhravalley 1397-8 1400
Hydro 147-8
Hydro Pref. 122-8
Power 1472-8 67-8

INSURANCE

B. I. G. 19-12
New India 57

STEEL

B. Steel 18-10 18-6 18-8
I. Iron 22-8 22 22-5
Tata Defd. 1362-8 37-8 62-8 20 57-8
Tata Ord. 273-8 70-8 72-8 67 71 70 72-8
Tata 2nd Pref. 139

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 246-4
A. C. C. Old 137-8 38-8 37 37-8 37-4 37-8
A. C. C. New 132-12 32-4 33 32-8
Belapur 203 3-8 200 3-8
B. B. Old 280 83-2 80
B. B. Petrol 1-4 1-4-3
B. I. C. 7-11 7-10
I. Copper 2-0-6
P. Const. 93 91-8 93 88 90-8 90
Shivrajpur 25-8
Tata Chem. 9-2 8-8 8-15 8-8
Tata Pref. 120
Tata Oil 58
Walchandnagar 130
Wimco 170 67-8

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 44-8

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

S. S. HOUGH SILVER CREST

From New York: 320 ctns whole milk powder, 83 drams synthetic resin 163 bdls. ice cans 30 cases advertising material, 200 drums liquid parafin, 74 drums diesel oil, 74 drums industrial fans, 100 filtered neutral oil 450 ctns fluroscent tubes 95 drums mineral colza oil, 66 boxes electric motors, 47 bdls. steel bars, 61 cases dry storage batteries, 95 cases power pumps, 75 cases machinery.—

M. V. MARTHA CLEPPE

From New York: 66 ctns books 125 drums mineral colza oil 59 bales rubber tyre tubes 175 ctns stearic acid, 36 cases advertising printing matter, 96 cases automobile springs, 61 loose auto springs leaves 415 ctns hydrogen peroxide 210 cases pearless vertical turbine pumps 100 cases agricultural blow parts 70 cases bolts and nuts, 43 drums artificial leather, 99 cases wood working machinery, 93 skids coke tin plates.

From St. John: 50 bags doughant mixture 62 bags empty wooden thread spools, 575 cases milk powder, 141 cases automobile storage batteries, 3896 pieces steel rails.

S. S. UNION MARINER

From Kobe:—200 cases refined camphor powder 435 bales cotton piecegoods, 165 bales rayon staple fibre yarn, 60 cases silk and rayon loom 87 cases yaner diesel engines 25 cases crude oil engines 168 cases glass buttons, 1465 cases rayon yarn, 350 cases rayon viscose yarn, 40 bales staple fibre yarn 50 bales woollen hosiery yarn, 100 cases artificial silk yarn, 60 cases clearing paper, 118 cases hardware and tools 51 cases hard tools, 55, cases electric accessories, 50 bales staple yarn, 100 cases lead fusewire, 60 bags straw material, 966 bdls marbles 157 cases ispskins 50 cases spur rayon yarn, 1090 cases cotton yarn, 190 cases canned fish, 195 cases artificial silk yarn, 78 cases electric desk fans, 50 cases umbrella steel flexas ribs, 395 bales staple fibre yarn, 86 cases electric lamps, 400 cases art silk yarn, 73 cases ovel belt fasteners 56 cases shuttle pot eyes 938 bales paper, 2254 crates earthen ware glazed tiles 65 cases steel reeds 48 cases plumber black 70 bags mats and mattings 62 cases cotton spinnings, 64 cases thread quide and drop bins, 100 bales rayon staple yarn. 195 bales staple yarn, 28 cases reeds, 35 cases healds, 65 cases cycle accessories, 227 cases cycle parts, 112 cases brass circles 50 bales woollen worsted hosiery.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S. S. BAMORA

To Gwaden—8 bags onions and 40 cases vegetable ghee.

S. S. TAURINA

To Genoa—200 bales cotton raw—V. Ladha and Co.

S. S. KHANDALA

To Mombassa—7 bags betel nuts, 10 bags corriander 10 bags fenngreek seeds 40 bags turmeric 15 bags ginzer.—J. Hem Chand and Co.

To Daresalem—5 bags corriander seed—M. L. Joshi.

S. S. CIRCASSIA

To Liverpool—11 bales cotton piecegoods—E. Y. Z. Alireza.

DROP OF RS. 7/- CRORES IN NOTE CIRCULATION

Weekly Statement Of Reserve Bank

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 22nd day of April:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	16,18,84,000
Notes in Circulation	11,84,94,24,000
Total Notes Issued	1201,13,08,000
Ttal Liabilities	1201,13,08,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	720,34,38,000
Rupee Coin	47,04,76,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	393,72,23,000
Total Assets	1201,13,08,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 63.304 per cent

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	169,31,72,000
(2) Other Governments	20,90,84,000
(b) Banks	57,64,06,000
(c) Others	69,63,59,000
Bills payable	2,40,34,000
Other Liabilities	16,52,30,000
Total	Rs. 346,42,85,000

ASSETS.

	Rs
Notes	16,18,84,000
Rupee Coin	9,15,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,54,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	48,94,000
Government Treasury Bills	9,09,63,000
Balances held abroad	186,58,74,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	3,58,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	6,28,43,000
Investments	119,15,76,000
Other Assets	4,97,82,000
Total	Rs. 346,42,85,000

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, April 26.

Australian Wheat New Crop 96 April/May.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY, April 27.

ARRIVALS

S. S. RAILA from Sumatra with kerosene on April 26.
S. S. STEEL ARCHITECT from Galveston with general cargo on April 26.
S. S. DERRYHEEN from Kobe with general cargo on April 26.
S. S. TAIGETE from Port de Bouc with gas oil on April 27.
S. S. BRITISH SOLDIER from Abadan with kerosene on April 27.
S. S. EXEMPLAR from Norfolk with general cargo on April 27.

DEPARTURES

S. S. DURENDA for Antwerp with general cargo on April 25.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSPRAY for Busrah with general cargo on April 26.
S. S. BLAIR CLOVA for U. K. with general cargo on April 26.
S. S. INDIAN ENTERPRISE for Calcutta with general cargo on April 26.

ART SILK MARKET

BOMBAY, April 17.

120	Japan Ready	3 7	6
150	Japan Ready	3 10	0
150	D. Box April	719 0	0
150	D. Box May	730 0	0
120	D. Italy Ready	3 5	0
150	D. Italy Ready	3 10	0

We give below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under the Agency of M/s. Volkart Brothers.

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

From U. S. Pacific Coast:
S. S. SILVERGUAVA due 8th May.
S. S. SAMARINDA due 16th May
S. S. SILVERASH due 29th May.

From U. S. Atlantic Coast:
S. S. SOUTHMOOR due 4th May.
S. S. BANTAM due 12th May.
S. S. TALISSE due 18th May.

From Rotterdam-Antwerp:
S. S. NORBRYN due 30th April.
S. S. LEKKERKERK due 15th May.
S. S. LEMSTERKERK due 30th May.

From Persian Gulf via Karachi:
S. S. LINDEKERK due 3rd May.
S. S. ELIZABETH BAKKE due 24th May.
S. S. MANOERAN due 30th May.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERMOON due 17th June.

From Italy:
S. S. SPARTA due 9th May.
S. S. CARBONELLO due 11th May.

From Australia:
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSTAR due 10th May.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

For Calcutta via Colombo:
S. S. MERWEDE sails 29th April.
S. S. NORBRYN sails 12th May.
S. S. SILVERGUAVA sails 18th May.
S. S. LEKKERKERK Sails 29th May.
S. S. SILVERASH sails 6th June.
S. S. LEMSTERKERK sails 14th June.

For U. S. Pacific Cost:
S. S. MANOERAN sails 9th June.

For Italy:
S. S. TAURINIA sails 29th April.
S. S. SPARTA sails 17th May.
S. S. CARBONELLO sails 19th May.

For Persian Gulf via Karachi:
S. S. SAMARINDA sails 30th May.

For Australia:
S. S. HOEGH SILVERCREST sails 1st May.
S. S. ELIZABETH BAKKE sails 28th May.
S. S. HOEGH SILVERMOON sails 30th June.

For U. S. Atlantic Coast:
S. S. HOEGH SILVERSTAR sails 16th May.

For Mediterraneans And North Continental Ports:
S. S. LINDEKERK sails 8th May.

WORTH STREET ATTENT

Indian Republic To Stay In Commonwealth

(Continued from Page 1)

constitutional function "so far as India is concerned".

The future head of Republican India will be an elected President, who will express the sovereign will of the people and exercise the functions hitherto performed by the King.

NO SUPERSTATE

The agreement is considered to reflect the view of Dominion quarters that the Commonwealth should not be regarded as a superstate with the King as its head.

The concept is a free association of nations bound together by mutual interest and friendship.

ONLY A PHRASE

While the document issued today uses a new phrase—"Head of the Commonwealth" for the position of the King, this is understood to be considered only a phrase and not as constituting a new title. There is no question of changing the King's title in the adjustment of the situation.

TERMS OF DECLARATION

Other important aspects of the declaration are as follows:—

(1) India will continue to enjoy full Imperial Preference in trade matters.

(2) The word "Dominion" which has not been used officially for some time, will now be finally abandoned.

(3) Within the Commonwealth Indian citizens will continue to have all the rights they now enjoy.

(4) Legislation, it is suggested, will not be needed in many of the Commonwealth countries to give the declaration full effect.

(5) When India becomes a Republic the office of Governor-General, as representative of the King, will disappear.

(6) The future designation of India's diplomatic representatives in Commonwealth capitals—now called High Commissioner—has yet to be decided.

Agreement is understood to have been reached with the approval of the Commonwealth Governments and the endorsement of the United Kingdom Cabinet this morning.

The British Government will seek early Parliamentary approval of the agreement.

A similar procedure is likely to be adopted in Commonwealth Parliament.

The document may be presented to the Canadian Parliament immediately.

The statesmen, at their final plenary session this morning, expressed the satisfaction of their countries at the successful outcome of the conference.

NEHRU SPEAKS

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India is understood to have made a speech which left a deep impression.

One of his main points is believed to have been that the Commonwealth should not be regarded as a military bloc, but should try to approach world problems in a constructive and progressive way.

VISIT TO KING

The Ministers after their plenary session, drove to Buckingham Palace to advise the King of the agreement.

The leaders—each representing a sovereign independent country—constitutionally could advise the King only individually, and not as a body. But this difficulty was surmounted by the leaders authorising Mr. Attlee to act as the spokesman, thus avoiding eight separate speeches.

All the Premiers will have opportunity of individual meetings with the King before they leave for home. Mr. Joseph Chifley of Australia begins his return journey by air tomorrow morning.

The British Cabinet meets tomorrow and may decide to make an immediate announcement of the agreement to Parliament.

A motion asking for its approval may shortly be introduced by the Government, and observer here expect it to command all-party support and be passed by a United House without a division.

DELHI ISSUES COMMUNIQUE

NEW DELHI, April 27.

The office of the Deputy Prime Minister has issued the following:—

During the past week the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon and the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs have met in London to exchange views upon the important constitutional issues arising from India's decision to adopt a republican form of constitution and her desire to continue her membership of the Commonwealth.

The discussions have been concerned with the effects of such a development upon the existing structure of the Commonwealth and the constitutional relations between its members. They have been conducted in an atmosphere of goodwill and mutual understanding and have had as their historical background the traditional capacity of the Commonwealth to strengthen its unity of purpose while adapting its organisation and procedures to changing circumstances.

After full discussion the representatives of the Governments of all the Commonwealth countries have agreed that the conclusions reached should be placed on record in the following declaration:—

"The Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon whose countries are united as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and owe allegiate to the Crown, which is also the symbol of their free association have considered the impending constitutional changes in India.

The Government of India have informed the other Governments of the Commonwealth of the intention of the Indian people that under the new Constitution which is about to be adopted India shall become a sovereign independent Republic. The Government of India, have, however, declared and affirmed India's desire to continue her full membership of the Commonwealth of Nations and her acceptance of the King as the symbol of the free association of its independent member nations and as such the head of the Commonwealth.

The Governments of the other countries of the Commonwealth, the basis of whose membership of the Commonwealth is not hereby changed, accept and recognise India's continuing membership in accordance with the terms of this declaration.

Accordingly the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon hereby declare that they remain united as free and equal members of the Commonwealth of Nations, freely co-operating in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress."

These constitutional questions have been the sole object of discussion at the full meetings of Prime Ministers.

The above Communique was also issued from No. 10 Downing Street, London.

PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FILMS

Panel Of Experts To Scrutinise Scripts

With a view to promoting the use of audio-visual aids for instruction in schools as well as for social education, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, has set up a Central Films Library and an Audio-visual Education Unit. The Education Ministry is also considering a scheme to undertake, in co-operation with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the production of educational films as a pilot project.

The Ministry of Education has also received many representations from private film producers requesting advice and support in their programmes for the production of educational films. With a view to encourage private enterprise in this field as much as possible, it has been decided to offer all possible help to commercial concerns undertaking the production of educational films. A panel of experts is being set up for the scrutiny of scripts for such films. Whenever requested to do so, the Ministry of Education will refer the script of any film prepared by a firm to a member of the panel for scrutiny, and advice and suggestions. The cost of the scrutiny will be borne by the firm concerned. The Government of India feels that such expert examination of the script before the production of the film will be of great value to the private producers by enabling them to avoid expenditure on unsuitable films. The object of the scrutiny will be to adjust the films to educational needs and the requirements of particular group of pupils.

The Ministry of Education will also arrange for the reviewing of finished films and where the script and the completed film have been approved. The firm concerned will be authorised to mark the film as having been approved by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

S. K. PATIL FELICITATED

Dahanuker's Tribute To Mayor

An assurance that he would do everything in his power to improve the amenities of the common man in Bombay was held out by Mr. S. K. Patil at a dinner party given in his honour by Mr. M. L. Dahanukar, Ex-Sheriff of Bombay and a leading industrialist, on Tuesday night at the Cricket Club of India.

In his welcoming speech, Mr. M. L. Dahanukar said that Mr. Patil's election as the Mayor of Bombay was a fitting recognition of the selfless services he had rendered to Bombay and through it to the rest of the Country. Mr. Patil had evinced untiring energy and persistent efforts in making Bombay Congressmen truly faithful to the Congress ideals in thought, speech and action. Mr. Dahanukar added, "To many, to be elected the Mayor of Bombay would be a life-dream, the culmination of a covetable career. It is not so with Mr. Patil". Continuing he expressed the hope that it would be given to Mr. Patil to beautify Bombay in a greater measure and to grant relief and better amenities for the teeming millions of the City.

Replying Mr. S. K. Patil reiterated his opinion that the Mayor should not, after the lapse of his tenure, seek election to the corporation. This was necessary to ensure that other memoers of the Corporation and the younger generation were given opportunities to aspire to the Mayoralty. Turning to the tributes paid to his services, he stated that, in his opinion, what weighed with the public in electing him as the Mayor must have been his association with the Premier National Organisation—the Congress.

Chandernagore Council President Denies Press Reports

CHANDERNAGORE, April 21. (AP):—The President of the Administrative Council of Chandernagore, Mr. Deben Dash, who made a statement on the 19th on the future of Chandernagore, said today that the statement had been misreported towards end.

In the earlier report Mr. Dash was reported to have said inter alia: "I still hope that the French Government will agree to hand over Chandernagore to the Indian Union without a referendum to save the prestige of France which, in the long run, may be helpful in retaining the south Indian colonies intact when the referendum in that quarter takes place on December 14th this year.

No Pakistan Consulate In Pondicherry

KARACHI, April 27 (PTI-Reuter):—A Pakistan foreign office spokesman today contradicted the report that the Dominion Government was shortly opening a consulate in Pondicherry. No such proposal was under the consideration of the Government, he said.

MONGOLIAN LAMA TO TEACH IN U.S. UNIVERSITY

Dilowa Hutukhtu, former member of the Naribanchin Sume Monastery, is seen chatting with Dr. Owen Lattimore, Director of Walter Hines Page School of International Relations at John Hopkins University, Baltimore. Invited to join the faculty of the school, the Buddhist visitor will teach Mongolian history and language.

HURRICANE LANTERN MANUFACTURE

Demand For Continuance Of Protection

Representatives of the All-India Hurricane Lantern Manufacturers' Association met Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indian Tariff Board and Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Member, at the Board's office on Saturday 23rd April. In support of the industry's claim for continuance of the existing protective duty, which is scheduled to lapse on 31st March 1950, the representatives pointed out that, as a result of the partition of the country and inadequate supplies of keosene oil, indigenous demand has decreased to 30 lakhs per annum as against the previous Tariff Board's estimated demand of 60 lakhs. The rated capacity of the industry in 1948 was estimated by the representatives at 25 lakhs while the actual production was 17 lakh lanterns. This is expected to increase when some of the new units go into full production. The Tariff Board's report on the question of continuance of protection to the trades and professions. The factories to Government shortly.

Protection To Alloy, Tool And Special Steel Industry

NEW DELHI, April 27. (API)—The Government of India has accepted the Tariff Board's recommendation to continue protection to the alloy, tool and special steel industry until March 31, 1951 at the present rate of duty, the Ministry of Commerce announced today.

National Language Of India

VIZAGAPATAM, April 26. (API): A resolution demanding that Hindustani written both in Devnagari and Persian scripts "as advocated by the Father of the Nation" should be the national language of India was adopted at the all Andhra Second Urdu Conference, which concluded its two day session here.

The conference urged Muslims to learn the Devanagari script.

Prof. Kali Prakash Nigam, who presided, said that both Hindus and Muslims had contributed in the evolution of the language.

Mr. Asaf Ali, Governor of Orissa, Sir Sultan Ahmed, Sir Mahomed Usman, and Mr. A. B. Shetty, Education Minister, Madras, sent messages wishing the conference success.

H.M.I.S. DELHI'S INDIAN OCEAN CRUISE

NEW DELHI, April 27.

HMIS Delhi will leave Bombay on May 2, 1949 on her Indian Ocean cruise. She will stay at Cochin between May 4, and May 10 when she will leave for Port Victoria in Seychelles, arriving there on May 16, after a four-day stay there till the 20th, she will sail for Mauritius, reaching Port Louis on the 24th. She will stay there till June 1, when she will start for Zanzibar and reach that place on June 6. Here she will be joined by HIMS Tir with boys under training on board. After three days, the ships will sail for Dar-es-Salam on June 9, and arrive there the same day. They will set sail again on June 13 for Mombassa, arriving the next day there. A halt of one week till June 21 at the place and then they will leave for Aden arriving on June 27. Five days later, on July, 2, 1949, they will start from Aden and reach Bombay on July 9.

Commodore H. N. S. Brown, R.N. Commanding Officer of HMIS Delhi is in charge of the R.I.N. squadron.

Communists Arrested

AGRA, April 27. (UPI)—Following the celebrations by the local Communists, who illuminated their office and raised slogans to express their joy at the fall of Nanking, the local police rounded up a number of them.

10 KILLED IN POLICE FIRING

Incident In East Pakistan Village

KURIGRAM, (East Pakistan), April 27. (UPI)—A police firing in an interior village towards the middle of this month, resulting in 10 deaths and several injured has now been reported in detail.

The place of incident was Madaikhal within Nageshwari police station where Kali Puja is celebrated ceremoniously for a whole week every year by the Hindus commencing from the Saturday following "Astami Snan". A big fair forms part of the week-long festivity.

The usual police precautions were taken this year as well and unfortunately trouble began from the endeavour of the police to control a heavy onrush on April 16 afternoon.

A Muslim youngman was hit by the raised stick of a constable who was trying to persuade a crowd at the spot of goat sacrifice to be seated. It was taken as an assault and large number of men fishing nearby, came rushing with deadly weapons to retaliate.

The officer-in-charge of Nageshwari police station tried to pacify the crowd and promised suitable measures would be taken against the constable concerned. The mob would not listen and demanded the handing over the constable. Ultimately the police camp was raided and policemen assaulted. The police fired 18 rounds in self-defence. Ten were killed and till the last report five injured were traced.

Barley And Gram Forecasts

According to the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, the first forecast of barley for the Indian Union for 1948-49 puts the area under barley for the current year at 7,653,000 acres as against 7,446,000 acres of last year being an increase of 2.8 per cent. The increase in acreage has mainly occurred in Unitd Provinces due to favourable rains at sowing time and in Patiala and East Punjab States Union due to progress in the rehabilitation of refugees. Some decline in acreage has been recorded in East Punjab, Bihar and Vindhya Pradesh owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

The first forecast of gram places the area for the current year at 19,055,000 acres as against 17,658,000 acres of last year being an increase of 7.9 per cent. The increase in acreage has mainly occurred in United Provinces due to sufficient moisture at sowing time, in Central Provinces and Berar due to better prices, in East Punjab and Madhya Bharat due to favourable weather conditions and in Patiala and East Punjab States Union due to progress in the rehabilitation of refugees.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, April 27.

Cotton Sind NT 91/8. Punjab 289, F 95, LSS 86/8. Four F 85. Market steadier on good demand, spot sales 2500 besides. Japanese trade mission also commenced buying against additional quota of twenty-five thousands bales to them. They are now interested mostly in NT and 289 F instead of Four F types. Exports yesterday totalled 2530 for Bombaiy and continental ports.

Cottonseed NT Ready 8/13/6, May 8/15. Steady exports totalled 29975 bags for Cutch Gold 106, Sovereigns 68/8, Quiet but steady. Three per cent 1960 Government Loan 101/9, Orient Airways 12/8. Karachi Electric 126. Market quiet.

Saurashtra Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, April 27.

Rajkot Silver Vaishakh 180/8, Rajkot Sandy May 139/12, Rajkot Aranda September 136/12, Jamnagar Silver Vaishakh 180/4, Jamnagar Aranda May 139/6, Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 28/12, Wadhwan Sugar Vaishakh 15/14.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON JULY.
NEW YORK, April 27.

Previous Closing	32.53
Today's Opening	32.26
Difference	—27
Today's Closing	32.40
Difference	—13

LAST QUOTATIONS.
BOMBAY, April 27.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Vaishak	180	4
Gold Vaishak	113	0
Silver Bullion	179	12
Silver Mint	180	0
Gold Ready	114	0
Sovereign	74	0

EXPECTATION:
Cotton Jarila May 523 8

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, April 27.

Stock Exchange opening prices:—Anaconda Copper Mining dol 30-1/4 General Motors dol. 57-3/4. United States Steel Common dol. 73. United States Steel Pref. dol. 134-b/8. —(Reuter).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Displays Quiet Trend

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Overseas issues attracted most of the attention in London Stock Exchange today. Outstanding was a sharp recovery in Hongkong Shanghai Bank shares to 94 1/2. Lowest point touched yesterday by this stock was 87.

Chinese bonds remained quietly steady at the previous closing levels although the undertone in these issues was soft.

Among overseas industrials some of the Indian issues showed dullness. Small offerings depressed the Calcutta Electric by six pence at 27/9 and Calcutta Tramways by the same amount at 24/6.

European bonds were generally firmer. Hopes of an early lifting of the Berlin blockade resulted in gains from one to two points in German potash loans. Saarbruckens and Czechoslovakians were also good markets.

Trading in the British Government Stocks was small and prices declined by one sixteenth.

Other sections were quietly firmer with some selective demand for the South African Minings.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 27 (API):

The market ruled quiet but steady and only a limited business was put through. Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government paper 98 three per cent loan 1966 98-8, three per cent loan 1970-75 100, three per cent loan 1953-55 101-6, three per cent loan 1957 101-2, three per cent loan 1966-68 100-2.

BANKS: Hindustan Mercantile Bank 20 Hindustan Commercial Bank 23-12, Imperial Bank Conty 425 United Commercial Bank 53-8.

COTTONS: New Victoria Ordy. 2-2.

COALS: Bhalgora 5, Bengal 386, Burrakur 11-3, Dhemo Main 11-2, East Indian 23-14, Equitable 34-4, New Beerbhoom 13-2, South Karanpura 22-6.

MININGS: Indian Copper 2.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sone Valley cement 5-9, Bathgate and Co. 2-6, Calcutta Electric 18-2, Burn and Co. 191-8, Indian Iron and Steel 22-7, Marshalls 5, National Iron 5-4, Steel Corp. 18-9, BIC 7-11, British Burma Petrol 1-3, Shree Gopal Paper 10-2 India Steamship 6-8.

SUGARS: New India Sugar 7-8.

TEAS: Bishnauth 32-2, Namburnadi 7-4.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, April 27 (API):

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA: Loans three per cent paper 98, Do 1986 98-7, Do 1970-75 100, Government of Travancore loan three per cent 1952-54 101-8, Government of Madras loan 1960 100-1.

BANKS: Travancore 14-6.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 1-12, Blue Mountain 2-6, Chembra 4-10, Cochin Malabar 3-8, Devashola 16-14, Midland 3-8, Nelliampathy 1-4, Ouchterlony 4-3, Pullangode 0-12-6, Thirumbadi 1-11, T R and T Co. 9, Vaikundam 7.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 146, Do Pref. 193, Cambodia 9-2, Coimbatore CM 110, Do Pioneer 112, Do Spg. 44-4, Lakshmi 65, Madura 39-8, Mettur 306-8, Radhakrishna 133, Rajalakshmi 54, Ranga Vilas 47, Trav Rayons 3-10, Trichinopoly 11-4, Vasanta 98.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 65, FACT 4-6, India Cement 16-14, Mettur Chem. 6-4, Mysore Chem. Fert 7.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 27.

Market opened round about last closing. Though there was attempt of bears to hammer prices it was frustrated due to less indication to sell steel and textile shares at this level and every decline attracted buyers. Closing tone was steady. Deferred Opened 1360, Highest 1368, Lowest 1425, Closed 1356, Arvind Opened 1515, Highest 1530, Closed 1526, Ambika opened 421, Highest 423, Closed 421, Calico Opened 1161, Lowest 1459, Highest 1163, Closed 1162. It is learnt that Ambika will be quoted ex-dividend and ex-right from the coming week. Closing quotations: Calico 1162, Arvind 1526, Ambika 421, Deffered 1356, Rohit 123-12-0, Bagycha Mill 392-8-0, New Commercial 1075, Saraspur 605.

Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALICUT, April 27.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145, Quilardy 145/155, Fibre Garbled 85, Ungarbled 75, Cocoanuts Raw 166/168, Dry 170/175, Cocoanut Oil 375, Copra Office 382/8, Dilpasand 390, Madrasnottam 430, Pepper Wynaal 1740, Country 1725, Dry Ginger Chernad 700, Ernad 700, Coffee Rabusta 160, Timber Pali 50/55, Junglewood 30/32/8, Vellapine 65/70, Benteak 45/50, Teak 90/120, Mango 3/2 3/4, Teak 20/25, Rosewood 20/25.

EGYPTIAN TRADE MISSION IN DELHI

Talks With Government Of India Representatives

NEW DELHI, April 27 (API).—The Egyptian Trade Delegation which arrived here, yesterday, and Government of India representatives met in plenary session this morning and decided to set up two joint committees, one to deal with food grains and jute goods and the other with the rest of the commodities that may be covered by the proposed trade agreement.

Mr. C. C. Desai, the Commerce Secretary welcomed the Egyptian representatives, several Indian Ministries, including Commerce, Food and Agriculture and External Affairs, were represented at the talks.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA'S EXPORT TRADE

Federation Of India Chamber Of Commerce Enquiry

NEW DELHI, April 27. (API)—The Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry is conducting an enquiry into the question as to how India's export trade could be developed on proper lines and intensified so that her growing adverse balance of trade could be reduced. The Federation has asked producers and exporters of the commodities concerned to bring to its notice their difficulties in the matter of export and also suggestions to improve trade.

The Federation, however, feels that there a number of indigenous products and manufactuers which can have a good market abroad, both in the hard and soft currency areas, provided their export trade is properly developed and organised. Some of the commodities have already a ready market abroad, but are not being exported in sufficient quantities, either because their production has fallen or an account of some restrictions plated on their export. There are also commodities, which are not being exported to their full extent, chiefly because of the price factor, which has perhaps been adversely affected by the imposition of or increase in export of excise duties.

82-Ton Ammonia Converter For Sindri Factory

CALCUTTA, April 27 (API): An 82-ton ammonia converter meant for the Sindri Factory in Bihar, imported from Britain recently, has been loaded by the East Indian railway authorities for transport to its destination.

Believed to be the heaviest piece of factory equipment ever loaded on Indian railways, the converter was loaded by railway breakdown cranes on to a platform specially constructed for its transport in two 50-ton railway bogies. This became necessary as there was no rail wagon capable of carrying such a heavy load for a long journey.

Procurement Of Foodgrains In Dharwar

HUBLI, April 26 (API).—The Collector of Dharwar District told the press this evening that the procurement of foodgrains in the district since last month was "quite satisfactory."

"We have in stock nearly two and a half lakh bags of paddy and 70,000 bags of jawari", he said.

The Collector warned the people against violating the rationing rules and said, "stricter measures would be taken against them."

The Government of Bombay, the Collector said, had already made arrangements for the supply of water in the villages affected by water scarcity.

DOCKERS' REPRESENTATIVES IN CALCUTTA PORT TRUST.

CALCUTTA, April 27. (A.P.I.): Two leaders of dock workers have been nominated Commissioners of the Calcutta Port Trust for the first time by the Government of India.

The nominees are Mr. Adhir Banerjee, President of the Calcutta Dock Mazdoor Panchayat and Dr. Maitreyee Bose, President of the National Union of Port Trust Employees.

The Calcutta docks are estimated to employ a labour force of about 50,000, including labour engaged by stevedores.

JAP COTTON TEXTILE COMPETITION

British-U.S. Workers' Move To Find Solution

MANCHESTER, April 27. (PTI-Reuter): British textile workers today asked American textile workers to cooperate with them in finding a solution to the threat of cheap Japanese cotton textile competition.

The United Textile Factory Workers Association, representing 150,000 British cotton workers, in a report to the Textile Workers Union of America said that in controlling Japanese economy the United States was too much influenced by American cotton gowing and marketing, and too little influenced by American cotton spinning and weaving.

The report said that Japanese textile industry would have to expand but not on a "cut price basis".

"We ask American textile workers to use their influence towards developing in Japan a strong and independent trade union movement", the report said.

It supported proposals for a joint British-American Cotton Mission to Japan.

NAGPUR April 27. (A. P. I.): Prof. Khankije, who holds a high position in the Mexican Government has been invited by the C. P. Government to be Chairman of the Agriculture Policy Committee, which they have decided to set up on the lines of the Forest Policy Committee. Prof. Khankije hails from Wardha has been in Mexico for a long time now and had a bright record of research to his credit.

CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY

Verdict In Favour Of Oil Company Executive Set Aside

NEW YORK, April 26. (PTI-Reuter). Federal Judge Edward K. Conger today set aside a 1,150,000 dollar verdict awarded by a jury to Mr. James A. Moffett, former Federal Housing Administrator, in his suit against the Arabian American Oil Company.

Mr. Moffett had claimed compensation for services he said he performed with President Roosevelt, Mr. Harry Hopkins and Mr. Jesse Jones in 1941, which protected the company's Saudi Arabian possessions.

Judge Conger in granting the company's motion to set aside the verdict acted in part on the company's contention that Mr. Moffett's suit was contrary to public policy in that no man could sell his influence with public officials.

Judge Conger gave credence to Mr. Moffett's claim that he was selected by the Company to represent it in Washington because of his long experience and expert knowledge in foreign affairs and the oil industry.

He added his belief that the company selected Mr. Moffett "as much if not more for his close relations with the President".

The Judge ruled that Mr. Moffett's services "are the kind that the law says may not be compensated for".

Mr. Moffett's counsel announced that his client would appeal.

Mr. Moffett a retired Oil Company executive, had claimed that as a result of his intercessions in Washington in 1941, Britain was required to make certain payments to King Ibn Saud of Arabia out of a 450 million dollar American loan.

The Saudi Arabian King had demanded that the oil company pay him six million dollars a year, to make up for a wartime diminution in income.

U. S. CUTS COTTON SHIPMENTS TO SHANGHAI

WASHINGTON, April 26 (PTI-Reuter): The United States cut off American cotton shipments to Shanghai today in expectation, that the port will be taken by Communist armies whenever their leaders give the word.

Seventeen cotton laden ships bound for Shanghai were ordered to Japan.

Shipments of United States rice are continuing, but it was uncertain for how long.

Economic Co-operation Administration officials said deliveries of food and other supplies to Shanghai will cease when the Communists take over.

Congress ordered that remaining China aid funds should be used only in non-Communist areas.

PAK-POLISH TRADE AGREEMENT

KARACHI, April 27 (UPA): The Pakistan Government today announced the conclusion of a trade agreement with Poland and said that Consular offices will be appointed in Karachi and Warsaw to facilitate the anticipated "increase in commercial transaction."

Effective July 1, the agreement calls for an exchange of jute, cotton, wool and cowhides from Pakistan and sugar, coal and steel from Poland. The announcement said that settlement of prices and the terms of business would be left to direct negotiations between importers and exporters.

EXPORT OF SIAM'S SURPLUS RICE

Offer Of Help To Ease Rail-Transport Bottleneck

BANGKOK, April 27. (PTI-Reuter)—Sir Geoffrey Harlington-Thompson, British Ambassador to Siam, today offered Siam help from Britain and Malaya to ease the rail-transport bottleneck which is impending the export of Siam's rice surplus.

He proposed the immediate loan of two "Macarthur" locomotives from the Malayan railways on terms to be decided between Malayan and Siamese authorities and also informed the Siamese Foreign Minister that Malaya is prepared to postpone her claim for Malayan trucks acquired by Siam during her wartime alliance with Japan.

The Malayan railways are also prepared to service in their workshops the Siamese "Macarthur" locomotives in need of repair.

Sir Geoffrey Harington-Thompson further told the Siamese Government that they may purchase four Beyer-Garratt locomotives of the newest type which will be completed in two months time in British workshops. These engines were originally ordered by the Burma Government to which they now constitute a surplus.

The Ambassador said the Malayan and British offer was made in response to Siam's appeal to countries lacking rice for transport equipment to increase rice exports.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDIA, April 26.

KARNAK May	65.35	+65
KARNAK Nov.	58.30	+60
ASHMOUNI June	47.35	+70
ASHMOUNI Oct.	47.25	+80

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, April 26.

May	2.24-1/2
July	1.96-7/8
September	1.97-1/8
December	1.99-1/8

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19-CRORE IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR MADRAS

5 Million Acres To Be Brought Under Cultivation

MADRAS, April 27 (API)—Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works, Madras told a press conference here today, that the Madras Government had prepared a 19-crore irrigation scheme to make the province self-sufficient in food.

"Five million acres of land are expected to be brought under irrigation under the scheme and when this is completed, the province's food problem would have been largely solved" the Minister added.

The new scheme includes renovation of 36,000 irrigation tanks in the dry districts of the province including the zamindari areas and repairs and improvements to spring channels and anicats.

Mr. Bhaktavatsalam said that it might not be possible for Madras to reach self-sufficiency in food production by 1951—the deadline fixed by the Government of India for the country as a whole.

The Central Government had stipulated that the Madras Government should increase food production in the Province by 11.19 lakh tons by the end of 1951, but the schemes already launched and those now being undertaken would increase the output only by 8.5 lakh tons.

The Minister said that efforts were being made to co-ordinate the activities of the Agricultural, Public Works and Electricity departments to augment food production, and he hoped that if not in 1951, the Province would become self-sufficient in a year or two thereafter.

Mr. Bhaktavatsalam declared that the 'grow more food campaign' during the last five years had stepped up production by 11.27 lakh tons in the province.

BETTER DAYS FOR GUJERAT

Distress Due To Famine Relieved Considerably

AHMEDABAD, April 27 (API): Famine distress in Gujerat has been largely overcome, it was stated officially here today.

The flow of food and fodder from Bombay to Ahmedabad has continued regularly.

One hundred sixty-nine famine works employing over 52,000 labourers will be continued till the attendance drops, it is expected, in August.

The greatest problem facing Government now is the supply of bullock or tractors to the cultivators to enable them to start agricultural operations in May before the setting of the monsoon. Mamlatdars have already been instructed to ascertain the needs of cultivators in this respect.

300 'REDS' AND 500 RAZAKARS RELEASED

HYDERABAD, April 27, (UPI): About 300 persons who were suspected to be Communists and were detained in Nalgonda jails have been now released, it is reported.

Over 1,000 Communists are at present under detention in Nalgonda including about 50 ring leaders.

The police have been charge sheets against 40. They are being brought to trial before the Special Tribunal.

Two Communist leaders—D. Yellamanda and Kadavedi Para Reddy, are still at large. The Government have set a prize on their heads.

Herur brothers, two leading Socialists of Tandur, who were detained for leading a demonstration before the Civil Administrator were released yesterday after two months' detention.

500 RAZAKARS RELEASED

About 500 Razakars who were arrested at the time of the "police action" and detained in Nalgonda jail have been released. There are now left only eight top notch Razakar leaders in the jail, including two Tehsildars and one Talukdar.

About 100 Hindu families who were forced to embrace Islam by the Razakars in Bidar district have been reconverted to Hinduism, according to "The Deccan Chronicle."

HUNGER-STRIKE THREAT

Habib Mohamed, member of the Hyderabad Civil Service, formerly revenue commissioner of Warangal, who has been detained for alleged Razakar activities, has threatened to fast unto death, according to reports current here. In the course of a communication to the jail authorities, he demands the release of Muslims suspected as Razakars. He proposes to embark on his fast from tomorrow.

About 1,000 workers of the Dewan Bahadur Ramgopal mills struck work this morning. This was a sequel to the dismissal of eight workers by the management.

Plague In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (Dn), April 27. (API)—One case of plague occurred in Hyderabad city and two cases from Medak and Mahboobnagar districts were admitted to the isolation hospital, during the week ended April 23.

The total number of plague cases under treatment in the isolation hospital at the end of the week was five.

MRS. PANDIT FOR NEW YORK

Outlines Nature Of Work In U.S.A.

NEW DELHI, April 27. (A.P.I.): Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador-Designate to the United States, said here today that she would work in the U.S.A. for "an understanding by the United States of the political situation in India and of our urgent requirements for building up our country".

"I look upon India's freedom", she declared, "merely as the opening of a door. We have to enter into that freedom through harder work than we have ever done in our lives before. We want the goodwill of all the nations, particularly the goodwill of America".

She added that India needed help from the U.S.A. in building up her industry and agriculture.

She said she wanted the activities of the Indian embassy in Washington to expand in every way. She was particularly keen to get in touch with Indian students in the U.S.A. and help them in their difficulties.

Mrs. Pandit has received letters of congratulations on her new post from various organisations and personal friends in the U.S.A. including one from Mrs. Roosevelt.

She has also received about 30 invitations from different organisations to address them on current topics.

Mrs. Pandit is leaving on April 29 for London, where she will meet Pandit Nehru during her three days' stay there. From London she will proceed to New York and thence to Washington. She hopes to reach Washington on May 8 or 9.

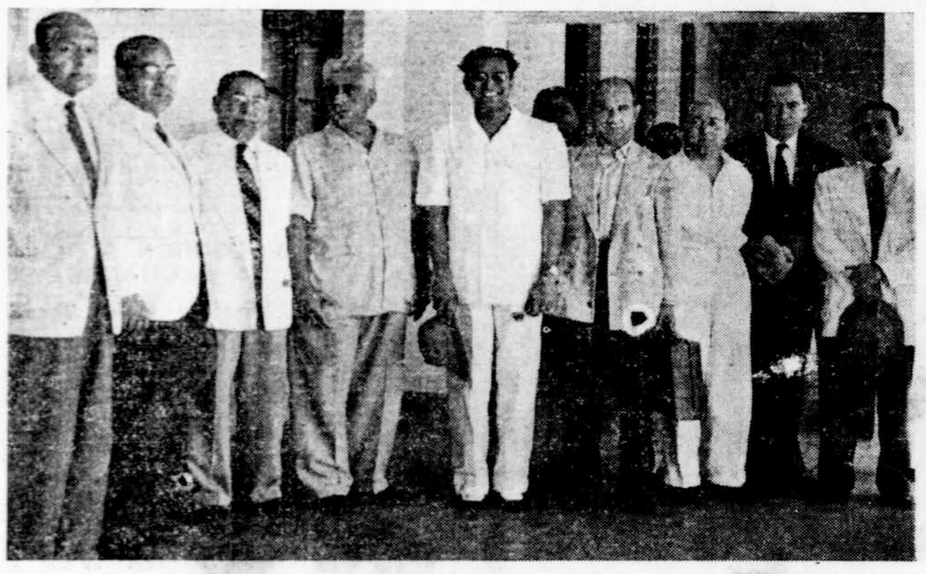
Seven Arrested Sequel To Theft

AGRA, April 27, (UPI): Following a theft in the premises of a local scientific industry last week, the police have arrested a man named Phula, and have recovered from his person, about twelve tolas of gold and also a double-barrelled gun. Six other persons have also been arrested by the police in this connection.

AT HOME TO DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR U. K.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitson at an at home to Mr. Frank K. Roberts C.M.G., Deputy Commissioner for U.K. in Delhi, and Mrs. Roberts.
L. to R. Mr. Kitson, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Kitson and Mr. Roberts.

EGYPTIAN TRADE MISSION ARRIVES IN DELHI



The Egyptian Trade Delegation headed by M. Mohammed Saki Bey, on arrival at Palam aerodrome, Delhi, on April 26, to have trade negotiations with the Government of India.
Among those who received the Delegation at the aerodrome were His Excellency M. Ismail Kamel Bey, the Egyptian Ambassador in India (4th from left) and Mr. V. C. Trivedi (Centre), Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

HURDLE FOR ABOLITION OF ZAMINDARI

Centre Turns Down Provincial Requests For Loans

NEW DELHI, April 27. (U.P.I.): An unforeseen development threatens to retard the implementation of the schemes for abolition of "zamindari" which had been decided upon by some of the Provincial Governments in response to insistent popular demands.

The Provincial Governments had been planning to find the huge sum of money that would be required for paymyent of a reasonable compensation for acquisition of proprietory interests by issuing bonds redeemable over a long period. But these plans are understood to have received a set-back in view of an authoritative legal opinion being communicated from the Centre pointing out to the Provinces concerned that bonds or debentures are no compensation within the meaning of section 299 (2) of the Government of India Act, 1935, and that legally only cash payment can be regarded as compensation proper. In the light of this authoritative opinion, the Provincial Governments are left to find cash amounts out of their provincial revenues for implementing their schemes for abolition of "zamindari".

PROVINCIAL REQUEST TO CENTRE

Having regard to paucity of available surplus from provincial revenues, permission is understood to have been sought from the Centre to raise loans for this purpose. But even this request from the Provincial Governments has not met with any encouraging response, it is reliably understood. Without questioning the soundness or importance of tenancy reforms, appropriate quarters in the Government of India are reported to have expressed the view that it is necessary from the inflationary point of view to avoid any action which would directly or indirectly add to the available purchasing power in the hands of the community.

It is further held by the same sources that payment of compensation either in negotiable bonds or in cash would undoubtedly have such an effect or aggravate inflation and that until the back of the serious inflationary problem has been broken, anything like a comprehensive implementation of "zamindari" abolition should stand over.

REQUEST TURNED DOWN

As for permission to float provincial loans to get together sufficient fluid cash for payment of compensation, the Provincial Government have, it is understood, been informed that their request cannot be complied with, since extensive borrowing even through bonds would hamper the borrowing programme of the Centre for various emergent purposes.

In view of these developments which seem to have created a serious bottleneck, some of the Provincial Governments have, it is learnt, approached the Centre to have a clause inserted in the new constitution for India modifying the provisions of Section 299 (2) of the Government of India Act, 1935, so as to make them flexible enough for compensation fixed for acquisition of proprietory interests being paid either in cash or through bonds.

Swiss Himalayan Expedition

DARJEELING, April 27, (API): The Swiss Himalayan expedition will leave Darjeeling for Kanchenjungha in the first week of May, when the 24,000-foot high Kangla pass would be cleared of snow for smooth crossing. The members of the expedition stated this at Sikkim during their recent visit to the state.

Arriving here on April 11, four members of the expedition—Mrs. Lohner, Mr. Shutter, Dr. Wyss Dunant and Prof. Rahul—proceeded to Sikkim on special invitation.

The Maharajkumar had a talk with Mrs. Lohner about mountaineering in the ALPS when he told her about his intention to organise shortly a small personal expedition to mountains from Greenlake to Dzongri.

INDIAN MERCHANTS IN SINGAPORE

Plea For Better Trade Facilities

SINGAPORE, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce has asked the Indian Government for facilities to transfer funds to open business in Malaya and for the provision of shipping between Singapore, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

The request was made through Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Indian Foreign Minister, who left here today by air for Saigon on his South-East Asia tour.

In a memorandum to Dr. Keskar at a reception yesterday, the Chamber referred to its grievance about Indian textile imports, saying they were unable to compete with foreign textiles because of India's export and manufacturers' commission. The Chamber suggested that continuance of India's embargo on gunny bags might prove deterimental to the Indian export trade as jute substitutes were likely to be developed by other countries.

Dr. Keskar told the Chamber that his Government would help and protect Indian merchants abroad "within certain limits". But members should not be under the impression that India would protect overseas commercial interests in the manner that certain powers did in the 19th century. The practice of sending battle ships and armies to protect the interests of merchants in foreign lands would not be tolerated today.

Another memorandum to Dr. Keskar from the Singapore South Indian Chamber of Commerce appealed to the Indian Government to persuade the Malayan Government to lift the ban on the entry of new comers from India. The second memorandum said that Indian merchants in Malaya, particularly South Indians, had been seriously handicapped by Malaya's ban of April 1.

Five U. P. Socialists Rejoin Congress

LUCKNOW, April 27, (API): Five Socialists, inculding Mr. Damodar Das, former M.I.A. who succeeded from the Congress early last year have rejoined the Congress, it was announced by the Provincial Congress headquarters to-day.

Bullocks Shortage In C.P.

JUBBULPORE, April 27, (A. P. I.): A shortage of bullocks in parts of the Central Provinces is reported to have handicapped the tilling of land.

About 2,000 agriculturists from the districts of Saugor, Damoh, Narsinghpur and Hochangabad recently visited the famous annual cattle fair at Khilchipur, 200 miles from Indore, purchase bullocks, but all returned disappointed on finding that a ban on the export of bullocks, imposed by the Madhyabharat Government on August 15, 1948, was still in force.

Mother Locks Up Son For Ten Years

PLAN TO AVOID CONSCRIPTION

NEW YORK, April 27, (PTI-Reuter): Brooklyn (New York) police said today they had rescued a 33-year old man imprisoned in a sealed room for the past ten years by his mother.

The man had a long beard, was "filthy" and had apparently no change of clothing during the past ten years.

When the mother, Mrs. Anna Makushak, had to enter a hospital because of illness she told her friends about her son, and they told the police.

Sometime in 1939 she locked him in a third-floor bedroom and sealed the door of the room with plaster and bricks, police said. She had done this to prevent him from being conscripted to the Armed Services.

He was fed through an opening in the ceiling which led to the roof.

A Doctor who examined the man said he was apparently mentally ill. Police described the room as being in a "terrible state". The man's clothing was "ragged and filthy", they said. The only sleeping place was a floor mat.

There was a small radio, equipped with earphones, a lamp and table "and innumerable books".

The man's father, 62-year old Peter Makushak, a tailor, told the police he had not seen his son for ten or eleven years.

His wife had told him he had gone to Canada.

BRITAIN RECOGNISES SYRIAN GOVERNMENT

LONDON, April 27 (PTI-Reuter): Britain today recognised the Syrian Government of Col. Husni Zaim established by a 'coup d'etat' on March 31, when Mr. Philip Broadmead, British Minister in Damascus, replied to a communication informing him of this event.

BRITISH CRUISER IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 27 (A.P.I.): H.M.S. "Birmingham", 9,900-ton Royal Navy cruiser arrived off Calcutta this afternoon on her second courtesy visit to the port. She first called at Calcutta in February last year. There are on board two Indian officers for training, which they would complete early next month. Two more engineers would then be taken for training. Six Indian officers have so far undergone training on board the cruiser.

The cruiser will sail for Andamans on May 6.

'Red' Prisoners Give Up Hunger-Strike

AGRA, April 25, (UPI): Thirteen Communists, who had been on hunger-strike for thirteen days in the Agra Central Jail broke their fast last Sunday, in the presence of Seth Achal Singh, M.L.A. U.P., and Mr. Kalicharan Pandya, Managing Editor, of a local Hindi daily, "Sandesh", who visited the jail premises and met them.

Mixed Grill

CONVERSATION PIECE

(Not So Imaginary)

SCENE: A coffee house in the 'red' area. At a table for four sits Mr. Progressive Writer, sipping coffee and stirring restlessly. Comrade Hammer and Comrade Sickle walk in. Mr PW. seems none too pleased. He puts on a brave face, however, and responds to the hearty "hello" of Com. H. Theysit down. Mr. PW orders more coffee.

Com. H. So Nanking has fallen?

Mr. PW. No, dont say fallen. It has risen. This is a new birth, I hope.

Com. S. That is well said, comrade. China can now look forward to a new age. Comrade Mao and Comrade Zshu dhe (Chu Teh) will see to that.

Mr. PW. Not only Nanking. The latest news is that Shanghai too is in the hands of the Liberation Army.

Com. H. (Significantly) How far is it from Bombay to Shanghai?

Com. S. (Eagerly) Not so far, comrade, not so far. It will not be long before the enraged working class will rise in anger against this bourgeois imperialist tyranny. Your Nehru will have to go the way of the murderer Chiang Kai Shek.

Mr. PW. (Squirming). No, no, Nehru is not that bad.

Just then Comrade Knolkholkar enters with a bright red kerchief round her head. Mr. PW brightens up, stands, invites her to take a seat with his eyes, beckons the waiter and orders still more coffee.

Com. H. Comrade Knolkholkar, do you know what comrade PW has been saying? He says that Nehru is not as bad as the killer Chiang.

Com. Knol. (With a contemptuous nod of the head). Not so bad? They are all cast in the same mould. Stooges of their imperialist masters. You do not know the tricks and stratagems of Anglo-American Imperialism. Do you realise how much Nehru is under the influence of the Mountbattens? That Mountbatten woman was here only a few weeks ago; and now Mountbatten comes to London the moment Nehru is there. Within 24 hours of landing Nehru is at Broadlands. What do you think?

This eruption of lava has a chilling effect on the conversation. After a considerable pause Mr. PW puts in meekly: Where did you find all this?

Com. H. It is reported in a Madras paper. The reporter says he took a bet that Nehru would meet Mountbatten the very first day and won a pound.

COM. S. INDIA WILL BE TIED TO THE CHARIOT WHEELS OF BRITAIN, COMRADE. THE NEHRU-MOUNTBATTEN CONSPIRACY IS SUCCEEDING. INDIA WILL BE MADE A PAWN IN THE GAME OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN IMPERIALIST CAPITALISTS.

Mr. PW. Wait for a while. Do not be impatient.

All the comrades together: Patience, patience. Wait a while if you will.

They stalk out, as the hotel boy presents the bill to Mr. PW. On the way Com. S. says: That is the trouble with these fellow travellers. Their faith in Nehru is infantile.

Com. Knolkholkar. They must all be liquidated.

Com. H. Yes, there is no other way.

Grumbler

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

86. The Cinema Kitab-Walla

If you do not want to look a sphinx when someone questions you on the number of marriages contracted by Marlene Dietrich or on the runaway exploit of an Indian star, you had better drink at this fountain of knowledge. You will be able to spot a star, a starlet or an extra from a furlong, if you halted here for half an hour every evening, and gaped at the portraits. That part of the fountain supplies knowledge free to anyone who has spare time. Twenty years ago, this way-side institution was non-existent. With cinematic knowledge turning a sign of civilisation in every big city, cheap publishers and way-side stall owners combined to bring this cine book-lore into existence. The vendor in the picture is definitely a moghul in the trade. There is nothing pertaining to the cine world which he does not sell—synopsis of the latest film releases, biographies, cine gossip, portraits of celebrities with or without paint. His clientele is varied and so all the Indian languages are displayed in the titles. With this collection almost at every street corner, you have no excuse to forget the name of a film heroine's great grandmother though you may not care to remember the name of your own grandmother.

MUTT AND JEFF—And Not Only That, It's Time To Call In Straw Hats

By BUD FISHER

A WEEK AGO I STOPPED YOU BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY LIGHTS!
YEH, I KNOW!
WELL, DID YOU FIX 'EM?
I COULDN'T FIX 'EM! IT'S SO DARK AT NIGHT I CAN'T SEE!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU FIX 'EM IN THE DAYTIME?
OH, HECK! IN THE DAYTIME IT'S SO LIGHT I DON'T NEED 'EM!

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